



DE: Bruna (Escola Vera Cruz)
PARA: Baani (Mira Model School)

Dear Baani,

my name is Bruna, and I'm sending this from São Paulo, Brazil. I'm 13 years old and I study at Vera Cruz. In my school, we have Science, Math, Portuguese, Human Sciences, Art, Drama, Physical Education, Dance, Music and English classes. How about in your school?

Before I tell you about here, I'll introduce myself a little bit better, so you can actually know me. I like to practice gymnastics and to play volleyball. I love drawing, even though I'm not very good at it, but I think what counts is the intentions.. I like singing and make my make up. I also like reading, and of course I like watching series and movies. my favorite book is "Selection" by Kiera Cass and My favorite movie is Harry Potter, and yours? I hate doing homework (I think everyone does). I hate getting into fights with my sister (I forgot to mention, but yes, I have a sister. Do you have a sister or a brother?). And, to finish, I hate pepper, any pepper.

As said above, I am from Brazil, and I'm sure that our cultures are different. So, I will tell you things about Brazil, like festivals, typical foods, religion etc. Here it's common to eat rice and beans every day at lunch. We also have brigadeiro (which is chocolate and condensed milk), feijoada (made with black beans and pork) and pão de queijo (almost like bread and cheese). I already told you about my country, can you tell me about your typical foods?

Other typical thing in Brazil is Carnival, a holiday, we go to the streets wearing costumes and masks. In carnival, we have "bloquinhos", in these "bloquinhos" we have some decorated cars, playing songs for us. We bring confetti and spray foam. It's almost an explosion of colors.



I heard that in India, you have a lot of costumes and festivities, and I would love to know them!

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Bruna.



DE: Baani (Mira Model School)
PARA: Bruna (Escola Vera Cruz)

Dear Bruna,

I was delighted to receive an email from you. It was very nice to know about you, your hobbies and of course, your sister. You have very nicely introduced your country 'Brazil', it's typical foods - especially brigadeiro (I'd love to taste it.

A little introduction about myself. Baani means 'voice'. I am 12 years old and I stay in India's capital city 'New Delhi'. I study in Mira Model School. My subjects are English, Hindi, Maths, Science, Social science and French. I like composing poems and reading books. My favorite novel is 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen and I love watching Khatron Ke Khiladi (Indian version of 'Fear Factor'). I have a younger sister, who is six years old. Is your sister younger than you? If yes, then we both are on the same boat.

My India, being a secular country, respects all religions. We celebrate all the festivals, be it Diwali - festival of lights, Holi - festival of Colors, Christmas - when we receive gifts from 'Santa Claus - my parents'. My favorite festival is Holi, when we play with colors, water guns and water balloons. We eat lip-smacking and mouth-watering 'gujiya' which has a mixture of dry fruits, sugar syrup. Wearing costumes and masks in Carnival sounds interesting.

We have many Indian delicacies, which are local to different Indian states. Like I belong to North India, where typical foods are Chole Bhature (spicy white chickpeas are served with deep-fried breads made of fermented dough), Gol Gappe (small ball stuffed with boiled potatoes, chickpeas and sweet and sour water), Jalebi (India's national sweet -twisties made with all purpose flour, deep-fried and dipped in saffron sugar syrup).

Yes, in India, we have different styles of colorful costumes pertaining to different cultures and beliefs.

Looking forward to hear from you soon.

Baani