Hi teacher,

How are you?

How were your Christmas holidays this year?

My holidays were strange and a bit boring because only two people, relatives or fiends, could come to my house.

My sister and my grandma stayed some days at my house, so we were together on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.

On Christmas eve, we opened the presents at midnight and before that we ate a lot of food. My dad cooked pasta with cod and prawns. For dessert we had parrozzo, a type of Christams cake from Abruzzo.

On Christmas day we had Baked potatoes and guinea fowl. For dessert we had a pistachio panettone, which was very good!

My parents gave me a beautiful jumper and a fantastic book that I read in two days. My grandparents gave me a lot of money and my grandma a wonderful t-shirt.

My aunts gave me a face mask, a pair of earrings and a book of poems by Giuseppe Ungaretti.

I loved all my presents.

On New year’s day I ate so much again. My mother cooked pasta with seafood and my father cooked cotechino with a vegetable called brovada, typical of my region. I hate this vegetable because it stinks!

This year was really difficult and I hope that the year 2021 will be better. I hope that on the 7th January I will be able to go back to school. I hate distance learning because I can’t meet my friends and because it doesn’t leave me free time and makes my days monotonous.

I wake up twenty minutes before the lessons and I spend my mornings in front of my computer. After that I have to do my homework and I have to study a lot. Some days I stay up late to finish my homework. I am always tired and when I wake up in the morning, I can’t wait to go to sleep.

I am very stressed. Going back to school would be great!

On these monotonous days I like thinking about my future. When I will grow up and I will be attending the fourth year of gymnasium, I would like to go to USA for a year. I like USA, especially New York. It’s a big and beautiful city. The best things about this city are the yellow taxis that fill the roads and the streets surrounded by skyscrapers and coloured by the coats of the people strolling.

In USA I want to taste The donuts, an American ring-shaped cake and I want to go to starbucks, a chain of American bars, to try the green tea milkshake.

After a year in USA, I would like to live there because I want be a movie director and I think that, for this work, there are more possibilities there than in Italy.

To make this dream come true, I am trying to watch many movies on Netflix in English.

I’m sure that one day I will go to USA.

Love

Marina