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My Spanish host family

During my Erasmus week in Spain I stayed with the family of **my Spanish friend Judit**. She was in my house in the Czech Republic at the end of the last calendar year, so we already knew each other a little bit. I was very happy when I found out I can stay with her family. **I was there for one week**, but it felt shorter, because the time went very fast.

Judit lives with her mum in a flat 4+1, so four rooms and one kitchen. The flat was not very big, but it was cosy and I felt comfortable there. **I even had my own room**, which was very nice, because I could have my suitcase open and my clothes everywhere and nobody was angry. From my window I could see other houses and a bit of the street, where sometimes cars were passing.

Her parents are divorced, so I only met her mum. Her dad lives somewhere else and **her older sister Adriana** (she is 19) lives with him. Adriana studies chemistry or physics at university, they do experiments in the lab. I met her just once, because she doesn't live in the flat with us, but I heard about her from Judit. It sounded a little bit strange for me that the family is split like this, but for them it was normal.

Judit's mum works in an office in the town. She always left for work in the morning and came back in the afternoon. **She was very kind to me**, asked me if I am hungry, if I am tired, and if everything is okay. Sometimes I didn't understand everything in Spanish or English, but **I could feel she tried to take care of me and I felt safe there**.

They have a dark grey car, which we used a few times when we needed to go somewhere. **Judit told me she really loves motorbikes** and one day she wants to buy one. We talked about different types of bikes and she showed me some photos on her phone. Before, **she also played football**, but now she doesn't play in a team anymore.



The kitchen in their flat was quite big compared to the rest of the flat. We spent a lot of time there, eating and talking. There was something very special for me – in the kitchen, they had **a smoked pig leg hanging there**. From this leg they were cutting ham. At first it looked a bit scary for me, because in Czech I have never seen a whole pig leg like this in the kitchen.

In the evenings we usually had dinner together, sometimes watching TV or just talking. **I felt that they accepted me as part of the family for that week**. Even if my Spanish is not good and their English is also not perfect, we could still understand each other with simple words and a lot of smiles. When I had to leave, I was a little bit sad, because I really liked staying with them and I was grateful for how kind they were to me.



Saturday 7th February – A day with(out) parents

One of the most interesting days of my Erasmus week was Saturday. It was supposed to be a “Saturday with the family” day, but it changed a little bit. Judit got sick, so she had to stay at home. In the end we spent the day without parents and even without her, only with other kids and classmates. It was a bit scary at first, but then it was really fun.

In the morning we took a bus to Murcia. We had to buy a ticket from the driver, which is different from home for me, because usually I have a card or buy a ticket in a machine. I tried to say the right thing and give the right money, and I was a bit nervous, but it was okay. The bus ride was not too long and we talked and looked out of the window.

When we arrived in the city, **we walked around a little and then went to a shopping centre.** There were many shops and a lot of people. The weather was nice, so it felt good to be outside and then inside, back and forth. At some point we met the mum of one classmate, Lola. She was very nice and she even gave me a bracelet – **it was a simple string with a metal sardine on it.** I liked it a lot, because it was something small but special from Spain.

Later we went to Domino’s to eat pizza. **I chose a classic pizza (Margherita style) and it tasted really good.** Maybe even better because I was hungry from all the walking and also because we were alone, without parents, so it felt a bit “grown up”.

After that we went back to the main square, where we met my classmate from Czech Republic, Eliška. **It was funny to meet someone from home in the middle of a Spanish city.** Together we went to a café and I had a **Lotus croissant.** It was sweet and very tasty, and we just sat there, talked and relaxed.

Then we looked into some small shops near the café. In one shop they had many necklaces and jewellery and **I bought myself one necklace.** In the street we also found a shop where you can mix your own candies into a bag. You can choose different types and colours and fill the bag how you want. **It was like a candy dream** and we spent some time just deciding what to pick.

Later we went again to the same shopping centre from the morning and met the other kids and classmates there. We walked around together, going into more shops, but mostly just looking, because we already spent most of our money. It was still fun, even if we didn’t buy anything, we just tried on things, laughed and made photos.



In the evening we went to the bus stop and took the bus back. I was a little bit tired but also happy. When I came home to the flat, we had a light dinner, then I was on my phone for a while, sitting on the sofa and just chilling after the long day.

This Saturday was different than I expected, but I liked it very much. We were without parents and also without Judit, which was a bit sad, but it made me feel more independent. I saw a lot of Murcia, tried new food, bought small gifts, and spent time with friends from Spain and from the Czech Republic. It is one of the days from Erasmus that I will remember the most.

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