

**"Araya is in the classroom
committe and she is
interested in all the
activities in school and in
the classroom."**

Lär känna Araya

Araya är född 2008 och kommer från Thailand. Hon kommer i augusti 2025 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a musik, böcker, filmer, sällskapsspel och badminton. Hennes favoritämnen i skolan är historia och thailändsk litteratur.

Dear Host Family,

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Araya and you can call me, Ploy. My nickname in Thai means a gem. Since my dad passed away when I was 4 months so my mother let me live with my grandparents when I was one year old. I am a positive person. I trust every issue has a solution. At that time, I had a science project with some issue of the experiment testing and it was so close to the deadline. My friends and I tried to figure out and we can manage the problem in time at the end. I am imaginative too. I enjoy creating stories in my head during my free time. Sometimes, I research different myths to help with my storytelling then it makes studying literature more enjoyable for me. My grandmother tells me my strength is a determination to do things. For example, during the summer break, we had a lesson on playing the recorder. At that time, I did not know how to play it, not even how to properly place my fingers on the notes. After that, I searched YouTube tutorials on how to play. Within about a week, I could play the song that the teacher taught. The teacher praised me for my big improvement. I can play a Thai musical instrument, called Khim too.

For sport, I can play Petanque. On sport day at school, my Pink team did not have a petanque player so the teacher chose me to compete. I like pétanque because it lets me strategize for the game, finding ways to have scores. Plus, pétanque is easy to play, even though I am not so accurate with my throws. Moreover, I grew up with a stack of educational comic books that belonged to my older sister, which might have sparked my interest in reading comics. I also enjoy collecting manga that continues the story after the anime adaptation as well as novels that I read on websites. Some of these novels have been published both e-books and physical books. However, I prefer reading physical books because they are tangible and better to my eyes than online screen.

At school, in my group I have four close friends. When we have a free class, we like to talk in several issues such as what food we have for lunch today and what we study in university. Sometimes, we invite our classmates to play a board game. We also do homework and watch movies together. I have my favorite subjects at school such as Thai literature and history. It helps me understand the culture people from a long time ago. I have joined an English club too. In the club, we focus on learning grammar for various exams. This club has allowed me to practice a wide range of tests and has significantly improved my language skills.

As my cousin was an exchange student, it inspires me for having experience abroad at least once in my life. Sweden has a big difference in many things from Thailand including weather. Thailand is a hot country and we do not have a spring and autumn so I would like to see the change of tree color if I could have an opportunity. If you would like to try, I would also love to cook some Thai menu for you to taste. I also like to exchange and share about basic Thai language for the host family and Swedish friends. I really welcome to join any activities with the host and this could open myself with the different experience in my life.

I am so excited to meet and become a part of your family member.

See you soon!
Ploy

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