

WORKSHEET #6: Sample Photolisting Descriptions

Photolisting Description #1

Name: Sam

Birth Month & Year: October 1990

Sam is a boy who especially likes science this year. He says, “We are studying chemistry. I like how it is logic and math combined. I also like the teacher because he is really funny.” Sam hopes some day to be a movie director. He thinks that this would be a good fit since he loves technology, has always enjoyed making things, and likes being in charge!

Sam is hoping to find a big family—one with lots of cousins, aunts and uncles. He thinks Alaska would be a great place to live since he loves the snow and cold weather. He would be especially pleased to find a family with a team of sled dogs!

Photolisting Description #2*

Name: James

Birth Month & Year: April 1993

The smell of burning rubber and the sound of screeching tires brings a smile to James’ face. James is a boy with a love for stock car racing. Some of James’ racing heroes include Jeff Gordon and Ricky Craven. When asked about his favorite outdoor activities he answers, “Oh, four wheeling, mud riding and dune buggy riding—oh, and fishing.”

James does well with hands-on projects and would like a parent who can teach him building and craft skills. James is energetic and likes to be engaged in an activity most of the time. In his down time, James likes to watch television and listen to Eminem music. James appreciates that Eminem “sings about his life and feelings.” His favorite food is a Subway sandwich—salami, roast beef, pepperoni, pickles and mayo on white bread. He adds, “Oh, and steak.”

When asked what kind of a family James would like to have, he answers, “I wanna live where there are a lot of moose around. I don’t care if it’s an apartment, trailer, hotel or a mansion, but that would be cool living in a mansion.” He wants a mom, a dad, or a mom and a dad. James explains, “I don’t care if they are old. Well, maybe if they are 100 that would be bad—I guess I want young ones.”

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Photolisting Description #3

Name: Emily

Birth Month & Year: May 1990

Emily loves playing outdoor games with her friends. Her favorite sport is soccer and her dream is to someday play on Brazil's soccer team. Emily says she always wanted a family that lived in a house with a yard because she knows she needs to practice very hard to make the team. She hopes that someone in her potential adoptive family would be willing to help her practice!

When she is not kicking around the soccer ball, Emily works very hard on her reading homework, as she says she sometimes finds it very challenging! Her favorite subject is math and her current teacher says that Emily has improved tremendously since she arrived in the beginning of the year.

Emily is legally free for adoption and is excited to meet families who want to get to know her. Please contact us if you have a lot of energy and love to give Emily!

Emily says, "P.S. I will try to eat my vegetables at dinner, but please don't make me eat green beans!"