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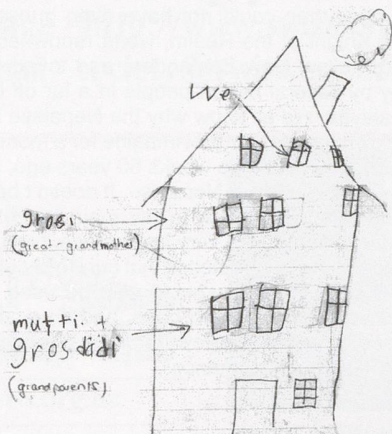
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My name is Matthias Hurschler.

I am 7 years old. I am born in Engelberg Switzerland. When I was 4 years old, we went to New Zealand. I liked my house in Switzerland, my grandparents, my great-grandmother and my family lived there. From Matthias
Matthias Hurschler
Age 7



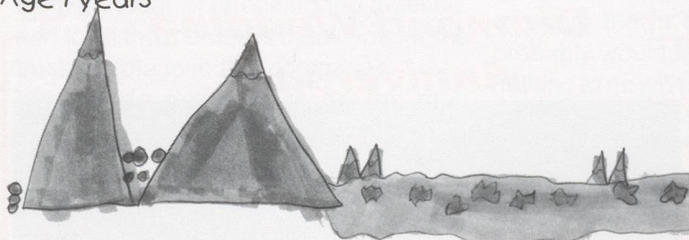
My Homeland!

My parents were born in Switzerland so do my cosins. They live right next to the school. They don't have to catch the bus or car, they can walk to school. My family lives in NZL now.

I was born in NZL but I went to Switzerland for two weeks. I was three and a half. My brother and my Dad stayed here. Only me and my sister and Mum went to Switzerland because my grandma was very ill. We stayed at our cosin's house. They have a dog he gets to sleep on the couch. When he is asleep he snores so loud!

We went riding on a train to buy some lollies when we wanted to go back in the train we missed it. So we had to walk home.

by Giulia Eugster
Age 7 years



Where is the alpine slope?

The Alpine Slope is part of the Alps, a mountain range in South Central Europe. The landscape includes huge mountains and deep valleys with forests of beech, oak and chestnut trees growing on the lower slopes of the mountains. At higher levels there are grasslands and pine forests. Only low bushes grow at still higher elevations, while the mountaintops are covered in rocks and glaciers. Melting snow from the Alps feeds many rivers.

Hydroelectric plants along alpine rivers provide much of Italy's electric power. The people of the alpine region live in small, scattered communities, and make their living by farming and herding. Many tourists visit the Alps to ski.



Fact File

The Apennines stretch almost the entire length of Italy. These mountains have steep inclines of soft rock that are constantly being eroded as a result of heavy rains, overgrazing of sheep and goats, and the clearing of forests for timber and farmland.

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