

## Letter of recommendation

Rotterdam, 22nd March, 2016.

To whom it may concern,

It is with the utmost pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation about Katiuscia Siddi. She has been my internet-based teacher of both French and Italian for over 7 years. In the past, I took courses in various languages, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, German and Mandarin from a number of teachers, and Katiuscia Siddi outperformed each of them by far.

Not only did she show an unusual talent in getting the basics, such as grammar, vocabulary and idiomatic expressions across in a committed, yet playful and humoristic manner, she also did this at a level adjusted to both the topic and the student. No matter what the topic was, from things as mundane as French or Italian cuisine to intellectually demanding and academic subjects, she did it with zest, patience and enthusiasm. Every lesson of the over 250 that I have taken was always well prepared, tailored to the level and interests of the student, i.e., me.

The amazing thing is, that although I have never actually met her, I feel that she has become a friend for life. This is entirely due to her intellect, her social skills, her passion for languages, her sense of humour, her teaching skills and her sincere interest in the people she teaches.

What's more, she once helped me write a technically demanding chapter on diagnostic laser technology in a French textbook on eye diseases (I am an ophthalmologist by profession). Quite an achievement!

I warmly recommend Katiuscia Siddi to everyone as a teacher in French and Italian at all levels, from the very basics to the highest academic level of proficiency.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hans Lemij', written in a cursive style.

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