



Simge Mentese is 16 and lives in Izmir, Turkey. She likes to go out with friends, watch TV, go to movies and play on the computer. In addition to her regular subjects in school, she enjoys classes in dancing, sports and arts. Her drawings have been exhibited. She lives far from her school, and travels 1 hour by bus each way. Her city of Izmar has a population of 3 million people. It is one of the largest cities in Turkey. It is known for its industry and economy.

She admits to disliking a few vegetables, and is afraid of most insects. She would like to go to college in either the US or Canada.

Her parents write that Simge is a peaceful person, but with a strong character. They say she is emotional and a 'romantic'. She is very independent, and her parents trust her very much. Simge traveled to Japan 5 years ago with a student group, and did very well. She very much wants to be a Youth Exchange student in the USA.