

Assalomu alaykum! (Hello)

My name is Hamid. Have you ever heard of Uzbekistan? It is the country where I live. If you were to look at a map or globe, you would see that Uzbekistan is located north of Afghanistan. It is located in the part of the world known as Central Asia. My country has 12 provinces which are very much like the states in your country. There are also many animals like camels and endangered snow leopards.

Do you like to go to school? I love my school. I began going to school when I was 7 years old. Does your school require you to wear a uniform? I must wear a uniform every day. I think if you made a trip to Uzbekistan and visited my school you would recognize many things that are similar to your school. The classrooms here have desks, chalk boards, our country's flag, and computers. My school day begins at 8:30 AM and students typically attend for 6 hours per day. During this past year it was difficult going to school during winter because the heat did not work at all! When the others in my village heard this, they pitched in to repair not only the heat, but also several other things that my school needed. Now it is much nicer.

Do you learn a foreign language at your school? I am studying your language of English. It is very difficult for me, but also exciting. Text books in my country are very expensive, and for this reason, my parents decided to rent them instead of buying them. They stood in line to make sure they could rent my books before they were all gone. After my school year is over, I must return them in good condition.

Does your school have fun activities to do after school?

I love to play sports, especially wrestling and folk dancing. What subjects do you enjoy learning? What is a typical schedule at your school?

Xayr! (good-bye)

Hamid

