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Dear Student,

Welcome to BELS Gozo.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our school and we will do our utmost to make your language holiday a pleasant and worthwhile experience.

Address: Villa Dolman, Triq il-Kantra, Xlendi, Gozo

Apartment: Two bedroom sea view apartments are in Xlendi Bay, they are 2 minutes away from the sea and 5 minutes away from the seafront. These are available all year round. The two bedroom apartments have a double bedroom and two single bedroom. The unit also comprises a living room with sofa, fully equipped kitchen, dining and a bath/shower. Other amenities are T.V and Wi-Fi. It can accommodate up to 4 persons each. Located in Xlendi, it is a 55 minute walk, 25 minute bicycle ride or 10 minute car/taxi/scooter ride away from the school. In the summer when many students are based in Xlendi they sometimes hire a car between them, thus having the added benefit of using same for 24 hours a day and so having increased mobility. Alternatively they could walk to Victoria (20 minutes) or get a bus and then get another bus that leaves Victoria for Kercem (5minute ride –all year round). The bus stops less than a 5 minute walk from the school. Lessons start at 9.15am.

Location: **Xlendi** is a village in [Malta](#) situated in the south west of the island of [Gozo](#). The name is probably derived from the word "xelandion", a type of [Byzantine](#) vessel which may have anchored in the port. It is surrounded by the villages of [Munxar](#), [Fontana](#) and [Kerċem](#). Xlendi falls under Munxar for administrative purposes,^[1] though it does have its own coat of arms and motto. From March 2010, Xlendi will be having its own 5-person "mini council", which will be responsible for the main activities of the area.

Xlendi Bay: In the British rule, Xlendi was a bay holding a sandy bay but by time wave, the valley water and human interference now Xlendi holds a few pebbles. The bay is still known for the rocks on the left side of the bay which are good for sunbathing and for diving.

Xlendi Tower: The tower guarding the mouth of the bay was built by the Grandmaster [Juan de Lascaris-Castellar](#) on 29 June 1650. This was built so no pirates or Turks could disembark from this bay. This tower is still standing. It has, until recently been abandoned with great damage occurring to the outer walls of the tower. Responsibility for the tower was passed in 2010 to the Local Council and Din L'Art Helwa. It is anticipated that restoration work will be commenced during 2011. The Tower was quite important for the British Army in Malta as it was the only tower in the southwest of the island. It was entitled Tower B (secondly in place) to show its importance.

Xlendi Valley: This bridge was made during the Knight's Period and connect the cliffs to the rest of Xlendi. This valley starts from Fontana continuing from the Lunzjata Valley and Wied I-Ghawdxija and ends in the bay into the sea. So Xlendi Valley collects almost all the rain that falls on the adjacent villages of Kerċem, Munxar and Fontana. The rain water goes through Xlendi and this is quite a problem for most citizens living in Xlendi because they are isolated by the fast flowing water. This also causes flooding in the buildings on the

main road from where the valley water passes. This valley is one of the very few homes to the [Maltese Freshwater Crab](#).

Kantra:

Il-Kantra is a valley on the left of the bay just beside the Tower. The name Kantra derives from *Alcantara* in Spanish-Sicilian. This is because of the entrance of the valley and the valleys' form. From the entrance of this valley, it could be seen as a bow. This valley is home to many types of flora and fauna because not many people go in the valley. The Tower of Xlendi was reached by a bridge built by the Knights of Saint John over the Kantra Valley.

We advise you, in case you experience any difficulty, to contact our Administration Department who are ready to assist and guide you in the best possible way.

Thank you.
The BELS Team.

