Writing Practice 2

**Describing a family photo:** In this writing practice, please use the following format and sentence structures to introduce your family and describe your family photo. This writing assignment is designed based on Lesson 2 of our course book.

1. Greetings. (Please note you are greeting your potential readers, not one specific person)
2. Introduce your surname and given name, using 姓… and 叫….
3. Introduce your family photo by using 这是… (the measure word used here is 口)
4. Introduce how many people there are in your family by using 我家有… （the measure word used here is 口）
5. Introduce the family members one by one. You may want to follow the traditional and patriarchic order: generation and gender. The older generation first, and then the younger generation. Among the same generation, males first and then females. Among your siblings, follow the order of age. The followings subsections should be introduced:
   - Introduce your parents by telling us their names, profession, nationality, the cities where they are coming from, and languages he/she speaks (他/她说（shuō ‘speak’）中文).
   - Provide a transitional sentence by telling us how many children your parents have (the words you need to use include 孩子, 儿子, 女儿)
   - You may want to start a new paragraph here. As a beginning sentence in this new paragraph, tell us how many siblings you have (the measure word here is 个).
   - Then introduce your siblings one by one. You may want to tell us about their names, profession (most likely they are students), their age (eg. 他/她 18 岁), what they study at school (Chinese verbs 学/学习), the languages they speak, etc.
6. Conclude the writing with one sentence. This sentence can be “This is my family” or “I love my family”, etc.
7. So far we have learned two negation forms: 不是 and 没有. Your writing must contain at least two sentences with these negation forms.
8. Thus, to cover all the points listed above, your second writing should contain at least 14 sentences.

You should be proud of yourself. You can write long paragraphs only after two lessons!