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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this reference at the request of Ms. Agnes Sengstbratl, who is applying for a post in the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program. I have known Ms. Sengstbratl for three years and have taught her in three of my ELT methodology courses at Graz University and at the University College of Teacher Education Styria.

Ms. Sengstbratl immediately caught my attention due to her active participation in class discussions and the very good quality of her work. Ms. Sengstbratl seems to be genuinely interested in all issues related to ELT methodology. She works hard at improving her own language skills and actively explores theoretical aspects of language learning and teaching.

In the course “Focus on Language and the Learner” Ms. Sengstbratl has shown her excellent understanding of theoretical principals of language acquisition as well as her high awareness of learners’ needs. Ms. Sengstbratl has shown a keen interest in all the ideas related to brain-friendly grammar teaching. Her final paper shows that she can put her theoretical knowledge into practice and thus help learners acquire new language structures very efficiently.

In the course “Teaching Literature and Promoting Intercultural Competence” Ms Sengstbratl has also produced an excellent, very creative project. Her materials show her ability to choose suitable reading materials for different age groups, and to plan highly motivating activities around them. Her project has been very carefully planned and is full of creative ideas that will certainly motivate learners.

Last year Ms Sengstbratl attended my course “Language Teaching in Practice 2” which accompanied her second teaching practice in school. Again, Ms Sengstbratl was one of the top students in the class. Her comments and questions always show her excellent motivation and high awareness of pedagogical issues.

On a personal level, I have experienced Ms. Sengstbratl as a very curious, open-minded young woman with excellent social skills. She has a very pleasant, outgoing personality and is very well-organized and highly responsible.

I can highly recommend Ms. Sengstbratl for any teaching post. She will be an asset to any school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elisabeth Pölzleitner

