

Message in a bottle

Max Vredenburg was just 10 years old when he placed a letter inside of an empty wine bottle and threw it into the ocean on August 21, ten years ago. The letter was short and sweet, and in it, Vredenburg talked about the things he liked at the time, such as his favorite color and what he liked to eat. After so much time had passed, Vredenburg likely never expected to get a response back. That's why Vredenburg was so surprised last month when he received a letter addressed to him from a stranger in Europe. In the letter, the sender – a man named G. Dubois – said he discovered Vredenburg's letter in a bottle along the coast of France, thousands of miles from where it had been tossed in the water. "My wish from when I was a 10-year-old just came true. Logistically, I think I have a higher chance of winning the lottery than this happening," Vredenburg said of the once in a lifetime occurrence. A news station said Vredenburg and Dubois have now contacted each other on Instagram.

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