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Dear Chrissie,

I’m doing fine and so is my family, luckily. Thanks for asking. School’s also going well, we haven’t done any major test yet.

That’s some great news, that you are coming to Austria soon! But you don’t need to worry about your German! It’s easy to learn and you still have some time left to get used to common phrases. As for your first question, you can easily learn a lot of things by just watching films, TV shows, news broadcasts and videos in German. Maybe it’s easier for you to start with captions first. I’d say that watching the news is probably the hardest thing to start with because it sometimes isn’t easy to understand some phrases. It’s a good idea to rewatch a film or series that you know quite well with German captions at first and work your way to just watching it in German (but be sure to pick a show that has a good translation). To your second question, you can get by with just high standard German but in Austria some People, mostly older ones, speak in a heavy dialect. To completely understand the dialect, you need to either grow up in those areas or live in a local community for years. But as I said there is no problem with just speaking high standard German because most people will understand you. Finally, your third question, your dad is mostly right, as I stated in the last answer only older people will have trouble understanding you. English will be understood quite well if you choose to live in a city or a community with mostly young people. Nevertheless, most people will prefer if you speak German to them, so I’d advise you to still learn it.

So that’s all from me. Hope my answers can help you.

Farewell, ‘till next time

Jakob