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Dear Chrissie

Thanks for writing back! My family is doing good and school is, well, school. I hope you’re well too!

It’s nice that you’re coming to Austria! Maybe we can arrange something together?

**To answer your questions:**

* German is a hard language to learn, so I suggest continuing your German classes and also using a learning website. I used Duolingo to learn Russian and it helped me a lot! (I gave up though.) The important part is to stay motivated and not give up!
* *German* German and *Austrian* German is very similar but there are slight differences in articles, pronunciations and meaning of words. For example: *Potato in Germany is “Kartoffel”, but in Austria it’s called “Erdapfel”.* Of course there are regional dialects too, but not even I understand some of them.
* Your dad is wrong. You’ll only get by with English in big cities or Vienna. Many Austrians in smaller towns and cities barely know English. You better know some German before you get here and you aren’t in Vienna.

Hope to hear back from you soon!

Yours

Leo