

Lockdown

Soral

Hello Felix,

Here in Vienna there is currently a lockdown but it is not as bad as the others. The good thing is that the schools are open.

When I'm in Lockdown, I always go ice skating, I really enjoy it. After school, I always go home to eat and do my homework. In the lockdown, many shops are not open such as the clothing shops.

The only shops that are open are only important things like the supermarket or the pharmacy. The police also very often check where people go on the streets. This is already the 3rd lockdown in Vienna.

The Corona numbers are increasing which is of course a shame. I hope all is well with you in America.

Bye Soral

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Lockdown – what kind of word is this? In the beginning of March 2020, I didn't understand what is really meant with this word. I remember that when the government said, that we kids should stay for two weeks at home I thought „yeah“– to more weeks of holidays!

Then easter holidays started and I still thought that we could go to school when the holidays were over. I remember that I didn't see my grand-mom for a long time because everyone in the media said, that we kids would kill our grand-parents when we spent time with them. Summer 2020, when Lockdown no 1 was over, was very nice and I spent a lot of my time with my grandma and met a lot of new friends. I couldn't imagine that in autumn the lockdown would be reality again.

Now 20 more months are gone. The school was closed since last March 39 weeks! This is, if one adds the months of holiday ONE SCHOOL YEAR! One school year that we couldn't see our friends. Many friends of mine started to become depressed. And the hate and the fear which is omnipresent on TV and social media started to make our generation ill. Two of my friends from last summer killed themselves as they cannot stand the hate, the fear and the hopelessness in the world, that is shown the whole day by the media. I hope that there comes a time again, in which love and unity will rule our life again.

Isi, 4cw

Lockdown in Austria

(Even on the worst days, there's a possibility for joy)

The world stands still

The whole world has come to a standstill, and the reason is the pandemic COVID-19. All of a sudden, it seems we are part of a horror movie. I have never expected the outcome at first sight. At first, I thought it would be like influenza, but that changed quickly. More and more people got sick and unfortunately to many people all over the world have died.

My mum is a nurse and so I got insider information which scared me to death. So, in my opinion, the March 2020 Lockdown was the best decision the government could do at that point in time.

These days my life has completely flipped over. Everything has changed. I had to learn on my own, schedule my time and do my homework as well as possible. I tried to stay healthy, to protect myself. My motto was, so to speak: Even if life puts stones in your way, make something of it. It was definitely a hard time but now I am more confident and independent.

On the basis of the Lockdown, I learned to appreciate the small things like hanging around with friends and enjoying my free time. If I am honest, I really miss the time without COVID-19.

Hopefully the world finds peace with the pandemic, and we can live our "normal" lives again as soon as possible.

Nadja Höllerer 4c

How was my lockdown?

My first lockdown was really at first funny. My mum and I went on the day we knew that a lockdown is coming to my best friend in Styria. I was eleven or twelve years young and I didn't had done much with computers and especially on online platforms.

So I did what most twelve years old kids would do, I watched Netflix or Youtube because I had no motivation at home alone.

After a week or two my teachers began to write my mum and when my mum asked me if I did all my homework, I always said yes.

When my mum found out that I lied to her the whole time she got very angry. She wanted me to imitate everything. I did everything but on the time I did the old stuff I got so much new that I couldn't keep up.

So you see, my first and second lockdown were very bad in the end.

Now on the third and fourth lockdown most of the things got better.

I always did a lot sports and so I got bored very fast when I only was at home. Sadly I couldn't go to the soccer training and so I began to do sports every day. At first I only went running through the city and at the end I began to run 7-9 kilometres a day and when I had no motivation to run I did a workout.

But I don't oonly did sports I began to cook for me and my mum and also did some cakes.

At the end of the lockdown my grades didn't look very god so I was very happy to go to school again.

Vinzenz Koch

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Today, everyone in the world is talking about the lockdown. In Austria, we have had over 2 lockdowns to date. It is really very exhausting when you sit in lockdown and really can't do anything. Meeting friends or doing anything else in general is impossible during this time. In the first lockdown, all the people were afraid of their lives. But in the current time, people worry less and less. They go out to demonstrate or even to party, although according to the policy it is forbidden.

Fewer and fewer people adhere to the mask rules because they think they are immune with the vaccination. Many people in Austria are not yet vaccinated. But the politicians want that, because otherwise you have to do a lockdown even more often. Everyone knows that the situation is currently very difficult. However, we still have to get through it now and stick together. In my opinion, you should not be afraid, and you should be vaccinated, because for example, if you fly to Africa, then you have to be vaccinated against everything. So of course, people get vaccinated, but with the Covid 19 virus, no one does. But some may not be vaccinated, in this situation I understand it too.

A normal Day .. or maybe not?...

It's Monday. The online lessons will soon start for me and all the other students who are also sitting at home because, of the lockdown.

In the morning I always have breakfast with my mom and chat a little with her. After that, I usually get ready for online classes. I brush my teeth, I straighten my hair and I choose my outfit for the day, the basics that everyone does.

Our first lesson is Maths, that's how you start the day nicely... cough...cough..

In the middle of our German lesson, I suddenly hear a loud bang. Since I'm so focused, I don't even notice that a thunderstorm is coming and now a lightning has hit a tree nearby. A big branch has fallen from the tree, but otherwise everything seems to be fine. After the excitement I go back to the online class.

It's 18:20. I finished all the homework i had to do. Hungrily I rush down into the kitchen to grab the next best thing to eat before dinner.

After a delicious, homemade pizza from mom, I run upstairs. I let myself fall into my bed and I snuggle into my cosy blanket. When I find a suitable channel on the TV, I lean back and start watching my favourites series. This day was very exhausting, I'm incredibly tired. The lockdown has some good parts like spending some time with the family, but most of the parts are bad like staying only at home, not meeting any friends and many more. I'm glad that this day is over.

"Huh? Oh, it was all just a dream! Thanks goodness! I was already afraid that there would be a lockdown because of the high numbers of corona infected people", I said. I get out of bed, stretch for a moment and then I went downstairs to my parents who are just listening to the news on the radio. "Dear residents of Austria, unfortunately, we have to inform you that the corona numbers have increased considerably, which is why we have to introduce a lockdown. Students can still pick up their school supplies from school, but after that everything except post offices, pharmacies and grocery shops will be closed for the next three weeks", the radio said. When I heard that my jaw dropped. "Oh, I guess it wasn't just a dream", I said quietly.

Lena

Quarantine

Since March 2020 we have been living in a pandemic. There is a Virus called Corona or Covid19. It's really difficult for us students to learn because there are weeks of quarantine when not only the schools but everything else close. We have to learn at home. Everything in town had closed, you can't go anywhere, you simply had to stay at home. Sometimes my family and I went for a walk, in nature. That was one of the only things you could do. You also mustn't meet up with your friends. After weeks of quarantine, I really missed them. Of course, we could call each other, but it just wasn't the same.

Every day I woke up and had online school. After that it was really boring. My sister and I even started playing cards. It became a routine. Usually, before I went to bed, I watched TV or draw.

Because I was at home all day, I lost track of my sleeping schedule. At some point we really had nothing to do, so my parents renovated the whole apartment. I got a new room, and our living room got a lot of more features. Because the malls and shops were closed, we were online shopping. Every week a new package arrived.

One of the only good things of the lockdown was that I could stay in my Pyjamas all day long. Around Christmastime, it was heart-breaking not to go to Christmas markets and drink punch. It was a boring Christmas.

In the summer holidays we couldn't go on vacations, all our pre-booked flights had to get cancelled. But it was warm outside so I could go on picnicks with friends. The holidays felt so long, and I thought they would never end.

Even now we don't know when the pandemic is going to end. I really hope it will be soon because we really want our old lives back.

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It all began on the 25.2.2020. Two people were tested positive for Corona.

Then on the 11.3.2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) appointed the epidemic a pandemic. On the 16.3.2020 the first nationwide lockdown started in Austria. Something happened that no one could have dreamed of before. Schools were closed and people started to work from at home where it was possible. Shops for daily needs were open such as supermarket or drugstores. The supermarket, distributed masks to the clients (mouth - nose protector). Concerning the school, the teachers made home-schooling. We received our teaching materials via a learning platform and uploaded them again after completion. There were also online lessons where we had to be present in front of our computers. I missed my friends a lot because there wasn't any chance to meet them in reality.

The government told us to reduce our social contacts to a minimum. I spent a lot of time with my family. Also, my parents were in home-office and my older sister was in online-schooling. We are lucky to have a big flat so that everybody has his one room so that no one disturbs the other. We also have a balcony and when we leave our flat, we can walk straight into a park. It was legal to go for a walk.

A lot of time has passed between the first lockdown and this lockdown, but nothing has really changed. The corona numbers are still very high, there are a lot of people in the intensive care units. It is now possible to get a Covid 19 vaccine and there are very good testing facilities in Vienna.

I hope that there will be no fifth wave in Austria.

Bea

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In the first lockdown, my family and I didn't even know what was going on. We tried to create an everyday life.

We walked our dogs in the forest every day in the morning before the online classes. At least twice a week we all did some sport together in the garden. From 9 a.m., sometimes sooner or later, my siblings and I did school supplies. In the afternoon we puzzled or played something together. In the evening we all cooked together. We were very lucky because we live in a house with a garden where everyone had their own room to retreat to. It was sometimes difficult for me to hand in some school assignments on time. Especially in handicrafts because I didn't have everything I needed at home. It was also difficult for me to keep up with all the topics because I didn't understand it so well in the online conferences.

I was very happy when the schools opened again because I could finally see my friends again. Unfortunately, the classes were split and I wasn't in a group with my best friend. But I was able to see my other friends and had classes in school again.

Corona, Lockdown

Many people are currently affected by the corona virus. You can hear about it everywhere. On the radio, on TV and in public. The virus is mainly passed on the others through a droplet and contact infection. It is very infectious because it is a new virus and people are not immune yet.

It is transferable very quickly. Corona causes symptoms almost similar to the common cold or flu. There are people who have no symptoms at all, but there are also people who die or are in the intensive care unit. These people need intensive medical care. For this reason, the government is taking various measures to slow the spread of the virus. Shops and schools are closed. Events are cancelled. There is a lot of home office and lockdown.

Many people are very lonely from the lockdown. Some hardly ever leave the apartment or house. Everything is just done over the Internet.