



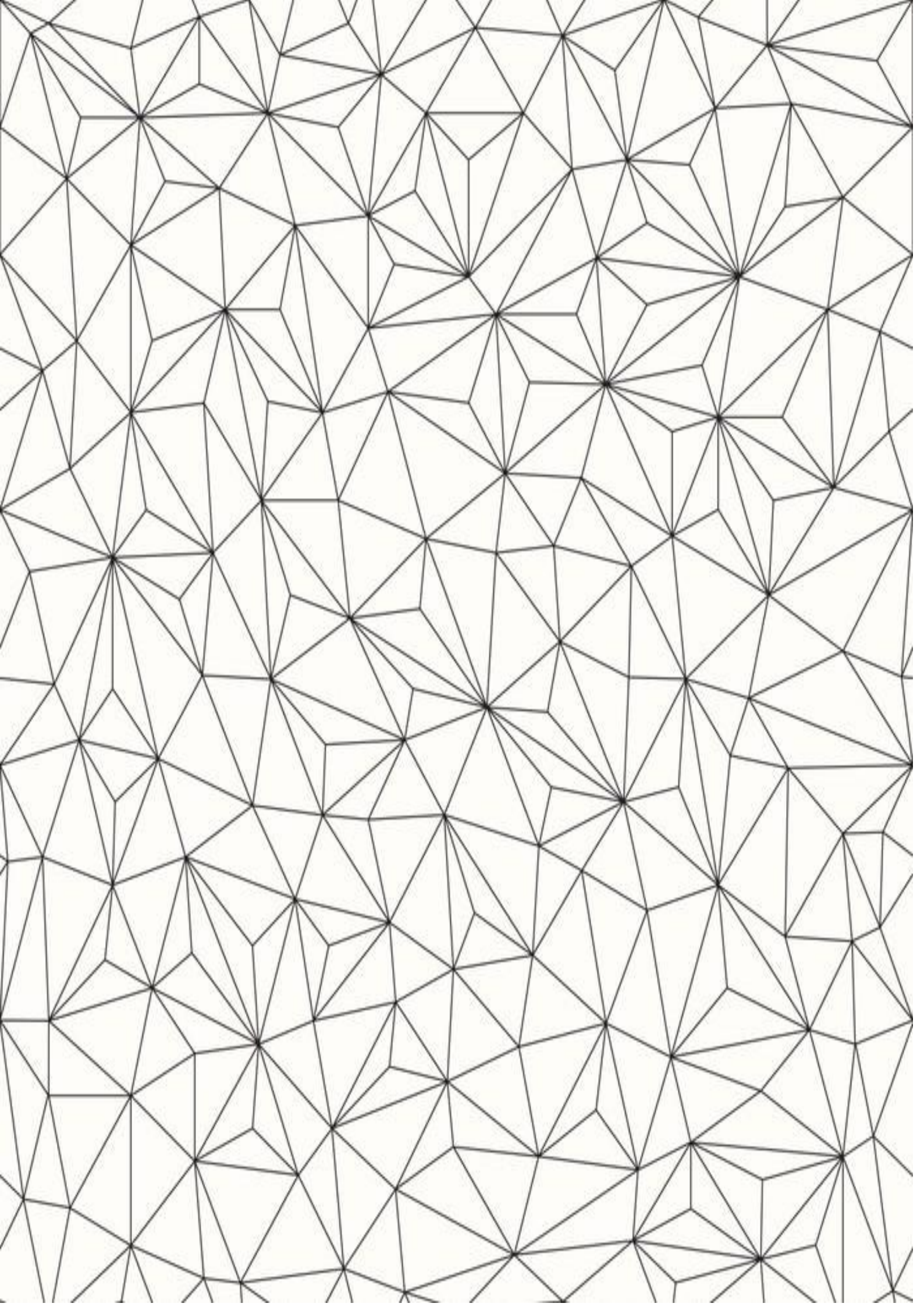
# MEET 3A



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# ABOUT ME



**Name:** Katharina Teufer

**Age:** 12

**Family situation:** three brothers

**Hobbies:** fistball, horse riding

**My motto:** *Never give up*

Hey guys, my name is Katharina Teufer and I'm 12 years old. I live with my parents, my little brother Stefan, my two older brothers Gernot and Herwig and my dog Bodo, who is very cute. We have got a big house in Untermarreith (near St. Oswald) with a huge garden. We also have sheep, chickens and rabbits. In my free time I play fistball and I sometimes ride my horse.

I like being twelve because you are young and can do many things you can't do when you are older. But you can't watch films or do things which are just for older people. I'm pretty tired of being one of the youngest in class and sometimes I would like to be a little bit older. My parents think that I am old enough to stay at a friend's house for the night, buy my own clothes or invite friends over. I am also allowed to go shopping or buy an ice cream with my friends.

I am lucky because my parents aren't too strict when it comes to bedtime or staying out. We don't have any rules I hate or don't like. But of course, I have to help with the housekeeping. But that's fine by me, because I really enjoy being at home with my family. I have to walk my dog once a day but that's not a big problem for me because I have been doing this since I was a little child and it keeps me fit. All in all, being twelve is super! You can do many cool things with your friends.

# THAT'S ME



**Name:** Filip Standler

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** one brother, one sister

**Hobbies:** football, table tennis, cycling

**My motto:** *Sometimes it's good to be on your own, it teaches you how to be more independent.*

Hi, my name is Filip and I'm 13 years old. I live in Wartberg ob der Aist. My family, that is my mum, my dad, my brother and my sister, but we have a pet too. It's a hamster. He hasn't got a name, because we couldn't decide on one for him.

In my free time I play football with our neighbours, because they have a small football field. The pitch slopes down a bit, so it isn't easy to play football there. But it's fun! I also play table tennis with my family in our garage. Sometimes my brother and I play it with the neighbours too.

My parents are quite strict. I have to do the dishes and take out the rubbish bins and many more things, but it would be boring to tell you more about it. What I really hate is that my parents don't let me sleep until 10 o'clock at the weekend.

In general I think thirteen is a good age, because you can do a lot of things without asking your parents for permission all the time.



# BEING THIRTEEN

**Name:** Tristan Sengstbratl  
**Age:** 12  
**Family situation:** one younger sister  
**Hobbies:** football, cycling, hanging out with friends  
**My motto:** *Not the best but better than the rest*



I am 12 years old and live with my mum, my dad and my younger sister in Freistadt. We live in a big flat near my school.

When I don't have to study for school, I pursue my hobbies. I like almost any kind of sport, but my favourite sport is football. I play at the local football club. I am allowed to play football with my friends, and I am allowed stay out till it is dark.

From Monday to Thursday, I must go to bed at 10, but at the weekend I can stay up until the film we watch is over.

There are not many rules in my family. As I see it, my parents are not very strict. One important thing in our family is that my sister and I do enough outdoor exercise. My parents also think it is very important that we have friends, so I'm allowed to spend my free time with them. At home I am not under a lot of pressure because of school. Lucky me!

At the moment, I'm still twelve years old but soon I'll be thirteen. I like this age because as a teenager you are more independent and you can act more on your own.

# THIS IS HOW I LIVE



**Name:** Milea Schürz  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** one brother (22), two sisters (19, 25)  
**Hobbies:** drawing, horse riding, ice skating  
**My motto:** *When nothing goes right... go left.*

Hi, my name is Milea and I'm thirteen years old. I live in Alberndorf.

My family, that is my dad, my mum and my older siblings. I also have two cats called Sunny and Ignaz. One of them just had kittens but they haven't got any names yet.

In my free time I often meet up with friends or draw something. When I hang out with my sister, we often go horse riding and in winter I love to go ice skating. I can also ride a skateboard, at least a little bit. I was about six years old when I first tried it but unfortunately I haven't got much better since then.

There are not so many rules in my family, but I have to do a lot of household chores. I am allowed to invite friends over but during the week I am not allowed to stay out late. My parents say that I have to work hard for school, but if I get a bad mark they don't get mad, luckily. My mum thinks I am well-behaved so she is not that strict but if I asked her to dye my hair, she would probably say no. My dad is also quite OK. I can do a lot of cool things with him. One day we went paragliding, for example. That was great fun.

All in all, being 13 is super but because of the corona pandemic it can get really boring sometimes.

# MY LIFE



**Name:** Philipp Schauer

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** one brother (8)

**Hobbies:** cycling, tennis, table tennis, football

**My motto:** *Life is long but seems very short.*

Hi, my name is Philipp Schauer and I'm 13 years old. I live in Reichenthal with my family. My family, that is my dad, my mum and my younger brother called Felix.

My parents and I get on very well, but there are some rules in my family. First of all, I have to go to bed at 9 p.m. during the week, but at the weekend I can stay up a bit longer – until 11 p.m. The second rule is that I have to help with the housework, e.g. do the dishes, make my bed and so on. The third rule is that I have to be home by 7 p.m. at the weekend.

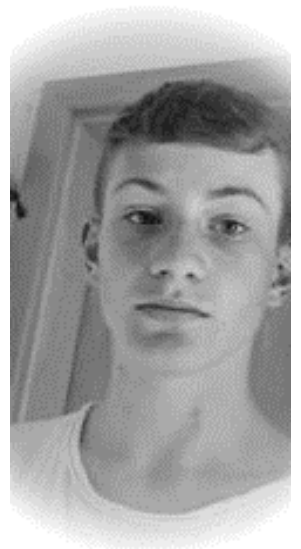
In my free time I do sports or hang out with friends. I really like cycling because it is fun. Another sport that I like is tennis. I first played it when I was five and played for 3 years.

I'm not allowed to play video games without telling my parents. I'm also not allowed to invite friends without my parents' permission. But I'm allowed to have parties at home. My parents are very strict when I make a mess in my room. But I'm actually a very tidy person, I think.

In my opinion, my parents are quite OK and all in all, being 13 is super because I have 30 minutes more mobile time. There is only one thing I don't like about being 13 and that is school because there are so many things we have to do.



# ALL ABOUT ME



**Name:** Gregor Scharinger  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** two sisters (21 and 23)  
**Hobbies:** cycling, meeting friends, music  
**My motto:** *You only live once so do what you want to do*

Hi, my name is Gregory and I'm 13 years old. I live in a small town called Alberndorf. I really like it there because I know all my neighbours and there is not that much traffic.

My family, that is my mum, my dad and my two elder sisters. I really like my family but sadly I only see my sisters in the holidays or sometimes at the weekend.

I also have a pet called Speedy, it's a Siamese fighting fish. I find it very interesting to watch him swim around in the tank or watch him eat.

In my free time I often go cycling. I think it's really cool because you can go really fast and you can enjoy nature and the fresh air.

What I don't like about my life at the moment is that I often have a lot of homework and so I haven't got much free time. That's a pity.

There aren't many rules in my family, but I have to do the dishes every other day and I'm only allowed to meet friends when I've done my homework.

My parents aren't really strict, but I have to do my homework carefully and I have to keep my room clean. I'm only allowed to stay at a friend's place until 8 p.m. because my parents don't want me to come home late.

I quite enjoy being 13 because as a teenager you can do many cool things like hanging out with friends, listening to music and going on a bike ride.

# ME AND MY LIFE



**Name:** Tobias Raml  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** one sister (26)  
**Hobbies:** football, archery, basketball  
**My motto:** *Life is too short to take a break*

Hi, I'm Tobias, I'm 13 years old and I live with my family in Alberndorf. My family, that's me, my sister and my parents. I also have a cat called Lilli. I really like my family and my pet. They are very important to me.

In my free time I love to play football. And I also enjoy doing archery and playing basketball. But I'm not allowed to stay at the football pitch after 8 o'clock. My parents are particularly strict about playing video games. I am only allowed to play for 40 minutes a day! In the evening, I have to go to bed before nine o'clock. I can stay at my friend's place during the week, but I have to be home by 7 p.m. At the weekend I can play video games for an hour a day and I can stay up until midnight.

All in all being thirteen is OK, I think. Sadly, I couldn't meet my friends very often in the past few months because of the coronavirus and all the restrictions. That's a real shame!

# ALL ABOUT ME



**Name:** Jakob Pühringer  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** two sisters (6 and 15)  
**Hobbies:** football, meeting friends,  
playing videogames, reading and running  
**My motto:** *It all starts with a dream*

Hi, my name is Jakob Pühringer and I'm 13 years old. I live in a small village called St. Peter with my family. My family, that's my mum, my dad and my two sisters. I like them very much and most of the time I get on very well with them and we don't have any arguments. In my opinion, my parents are quite OK and not too strict.

There are not so many rules in my family, but there are some. For example, I have to go to bed at half past nine and I'm not allowed to play videogames every day.

My favourite hobby is playing football. I am a member of Union Reichenenthal. I think it's a very exciting sport and I also have a favourite football team: FC Bayern München. My favourite players are Kingsley Coman, Sasa Kalajdzic and Yusuf Demir. My other hobbies are meeting friends, reading books like *Percy Jackson*, *The Trials of Apollo* and *The Lord of the Rings*. I also like going for a run and playing videogames. My favourite games are *Fifa 21* and *Gran Turismo*.

I quite enjoy being 13 because I have lots of free time and there's no school in the afternoon.



# THIS IS ME

**Name:** Matheo Pointner  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** two brothers  
**Hobbies:** skiing, football  
**My motto:** *Family and friends is all that counts*



Hi, my name is Matheo and I'm 13 years old. I'm from Freistadt and I live in 13, Eichenstraße. I live there in our house with my older brother Timo, my younger brother Levin and my parents.

During the week I have to study for school and do my chores and if I have done that I can go out with my friends. I am allowed to play computer games when I have finished my homework. My mum is very strict about homework.

In my free time I play football with my friends. I also play at a football club in Freistadt. I have football practice twice a week and at the weekend there are matches against other clubs. I like playing football because it is fun and I can play it with my friends. In the winter I mostly go skiing, sometimes with my friends and sometimes with my family. I am also a member of the skiing club in Freistadt.

In my opinion, being thirteen is quite OK. The good thing is that I can sometimes stay out as long as I want to. There is only one thing that I don't like about being thirteen and that is that I often have to help with the housework.

# BEING THIRTEEN



**Name:** Patrik Pirklbauer  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** one brother (10)  
**Hobbies:** tennis, football, computer games  
**My motto:** *Friends are the sunshine of life*

Hi, my name is Patrik and I am 13 years old. I live in Freistadt, a small town of about 8000 residents in the north of Austria. My family, that's my dad, my mum and my brother. I also have a pet called Mutzi.

In my free time I often play computer games with my friends, like *Fortnite* or *Mario Kart 8*.

Apart from that, I often go outside with my younger brother. Sometimes friends or neighbours come over to our place and we play computer games.

There are not so many rules in my family. I am allowed to go out for a walk whenever I want, but I mustn't help my brother with his homework. I don't know why, my parents never told me. I am allowed to play computer games as long as I want but this rule only applies if I have done my homework for the next day. If I don't do my homework properly, I'm in trouble.

In my opinion my parents aren't that strict, but there are some chores that I have to do. Firstly, I have to do the dishes and secondly, I have to make my brother's and my own bed.

I think it is dreadful that my parents don't let me stay up longer than 9 p.m. As my parents see it I am now old enough to stay out late but I am still too young to watch films rated 16+.

# THAT'S ME



**Name:** Matthias Pirklbauer

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** one sister (16)

**Hobbies:** skiing, cycling, relaxing, meeting friends

**My motto:** *Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay.*

Hi there, my name is Matthias and I am 13 years old. I live in Hirschbach im Mühlkreis, a little village about 9 kilometres away from Freistadt. I like living there because the people are all very friendly and everybody seems to know each other.

I have one sister, who is older than me. Magda is 16, which is normally an age when teens aren't that nice to their younger brothers, but Magda isn't like the others. I don't mean that she is weird or something like that. What I want to say is that we get on very well and do a lot of things together. Then there is my mum and my dad, they are both very nice but also rather strict.

If I get a good mark at school, my parents sometimes give me a little present, and if I get a bad mark they usually say something like, "Don't worry, it is just one mark, you can do better next time." That's very kind of them because it motivates me to always give my best.

In my free time I like to play the trumpet or do sports, and I also fancy playing computer games with my friends at the weekend. What I don't like that much is the fact that I am not allowed to play computer games for a long time. This can be pretty annoying because my friends keep playing after I go offline and so I miss out on all the fun they have.

In general, I enjoy being thirteen because it is an age where there isn't too much to do and you have lots of time to spend with your friends.



# MY LIFE



**Name:** Vitus May-Prammer

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** one sister (15)

**Hobbies:** playing computer games, drawing, cooking, meeting friends, music

**My motto:** *Stay positive and be happy*

Hi, my name is Vitus and I'm 13 years old. I was born on 7 January 2008. I've an older sister, her name is Flora and she is 15 years old.

In my free time I play computer games or cook something and I like to draw pictures of famous people. I also like to meet friends or listen to music. When I draw a picture, I always listen to music because it helps me to better focus on the picture. My favourite football club is FC Bayern. They play very well and they won the champions league last year.

There are some rules in my family. For example, I'm not allowed to stay up late on school days. I sometimes do the dishes or cook meals for me and my family. When my mum is busy I sometimes help her clean the house or do the housework. When I'm at my dad's place, I occasionally do some chores too, but I do not help him as much as I help my mum.

My favourite dish is home-made burgers with sweet potato fries. My favourite colour is red. I don't know why exactly, I just like it very much. Music is very important to me. My favourite song is *Hope* by XXXTentation.

I like being thirteen because there are so many exciting things you can explore and you have your whole life ahead.

# ABOUT ME



**Name:** Rupert Leitner

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** two sisters (9 and 11)

**Hobbies:** table tennis, tennis, football, video games, cooking

**My motto:** *Live your life.*

Hi, my name is Rupert and I'm thirteen years old. I live in Reichenthal. Both my parents work. My dad is an engineer and my mum is a teacher. I've two younger sisters who are 11 and 9.

In my family, there are some rules that are important. I'm not allowed to ride my bike without a helmet, my parents don't let me eat too many sweets or fast food and I have to clean my room. I think my parents aren't strict because there aren't that many rules that I have to follow and I don't have to help with the housework, for example. Lucky me!

In my free time I really enjoy doing sports. I normally have football practice twice a week but at the moment I'm not allowed to do it because I have broken my arm, so I go running twice a week instead, but it is not as interesting as football. When I have time and the weather is good I sometimes play tennis with my dad and I play table tennis nearly every day. My best friends Paul and Valentin are my neighbours and my cousins too, so our parents don't mind how often we see each other. We can meet whenever we want to if we have time. When we're together we play computer games, go for a walk with Valentin's dog, cook something, go to the supermarket or just hang around and watch YouTube videos.

I enjoy being 13, because my parents aren't particularly strict about anything and I'm never bored. After doing my homework or studying for school I can hang out with my friends or play computer games for example.

# ME AND MY LIFE



**Name:** Lorena Kunze

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** one brother (11)

**Hobbies:** tumbling, drawing

**My motto:** *A negative mind will never give you a positive life.*

Hey, my name is Lorena and I am 13 years old. My family and I live in a house in Freistadt. We moved there 3 years ago, and we are really happy about it.

My family, that is my dad, my mum and my 11-year-old brother, Lorenz. When we were younger, Lorenz and I used to share a room, but now we have our own rooms.

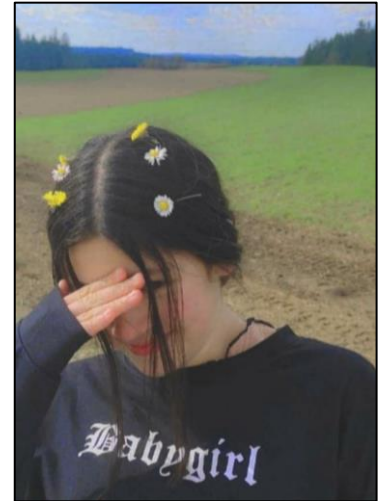
There aren't that many rules in our family, but there are some. For example, we aren't allowed to drink alcohol or smoke, but I would never do that anyway because I think it is nonsense. I am not allowed to turn the volume of my stereo up full, which I totally understand. In my opinion, my parents aren't very strict. They let me invite friends over whenever I want and stay out late at the weekends (which is very cool), and of course I am allowed to go to parties.

If I get a bad mark at school my mum and dad never ground me and they aren't even mad!

My hobbies are tumbling and drawing because it helps me clear my mind. I love my friends because they are good fun and we always have a great time together, not just in our free time but also at school. At the weekends I often use my mobile after going to bed because I enjoy staying up late! There is one thing I don't like about being 13 – I have to study a lot for school and that is kind of annoying. But all in all my life is pretty cool at the moment.



# BEING THIRTEEN



**Name:** Isabel Höller

**Age:** 12

**Family situation:** one brother (8)

**Hobbies:** singing, dancing, drawing,  
playing the guitar and the violin

**My motto:** Teen Quote: *Chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree. That makes it a plant. So chocolate is salad.*

Hi, my name is Isabel and I'm 12 years old. I am from Austria and I live in Freistadt with my family.

My family, that is my dad, my mum and my little brother. My mum is from the Philippines, so I'm a half Filipino. I don't have a pet. My favourite hobbies are singing and dancing. I also have guitar, violin, dance and singing lessons once a week so I'm a little bit stressed on weekdays but at weekends and in my free time I really love drawing and listening to music or meeting friends.

In my family there are some important rules. For example, I'm not allowed to stay out late during the week or invite friends without permission. My parents let me hang out with friends or invite friends over. As a twelve-year-old I'm now allowed to stay up as long as I want to but I'm still not allowed to dye my hair or go to clubs. My mum and dad don't have a look at my homework but they're very strict about my grades.

In my opinion, my parents are quite OK but sometimes they're a little bit too strict. All in all, being 12 is pretty cool and I really enjoy that age but because of the corona pandemic teenagers and children are not allowed to go out and so they miss a lot, but I hope this will soon be over.

# THAT'S ME



**Name:** Eldin Hamzic

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** two brothers (3 and 6)

**Hobbies:** skating, football, painting

**My motto:** *Work hard in silence and let success make the noise*

Hi, my name is Eldin Hamzic and I'm 13 years old. I'm from Reichenthal and I live there in a house with my two younger brothers and my parents.

I go to grammar school in Freistadt. I really like going there, because all of my friends also attend this school. During the week I am at school from 8 a.m. until half past 1 p.m. At the weekend I usually hang out with friends. We also have football practice together.

As a thirteen-year-old you have to study a lot for your exams, but in my opinion it's also important to pursue your hobbies. A hobby of mine is drawing. I think it's really nice, because it helps me to clear my mind and relieve stress. Another activity which I like doing is skating. I have been into skating since I got my first skateboard on my seventh birthday and I still use it. My third and oldest hobby is football. I was four years old when I started to practise. Now I'm thirteen and I still love it as much as I did in the beginning.

I quite enjoy my life as a thirteen-year-old, although it can sometimes be pretty hard, too. What I don't like is the fact that my parents don't let me stay up as long as I want to. But of course there are lots of good aspects of being thirteen. In my opinion it's great that you are allowed to stay over at a friend's place or to buy your own clothes.

All in all, being thirteen is super.

# ALL ABOUT ME



**Name:** Matthäus Grubauer  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** one brother (20)  
**Hobbies:** cycling, football, computer games  
**My motto:** *The late worm escapes the early bird.*

Hi, my name is Matthäus Grubauer (called Matthew by my English teacher). I'm 13 years old and I live in Alberndorf. I live there with my mum, my dad and my brother Alex. We also had a female hamster called Snowy, but unfortunately she died 2 months ago.

In my family, there are some strict rules. For example, I am not allowed to eat too many sweets, that's why I sometimes buy some myself. When I have finished my homework, I can play video games as long as I want, but the problem is that I usually do my homework at night, because I need a break after school. My brother Alex can play computer games as long as he wants but I'm not allowed to do this. That's unfair, if you ask me.

I sometimes have to help in the housework, like doing the dishes or hanging out the laundry. That's OK, but I don't understand why my parents don't let me keep my smartphone at night, I would sleep anyway.

Mum and Dad are strict about gaming and homework, but all in all they are OK. If I get a bad mark at school, my parents don't tell me off, they only say, "You have to work harder." When I have a test the next day, I mustn't go out with my cousin. He lives next door and so we often meet up. My parents aren't so strict about my plans for the weekend. On Saturdays and Sundays I can do what I want. But my mom usually worries about me when I go cycling or skiing, that's a bit annoying.

In general, being thirteen is neither good nor bad, it's OK, I'd say. But being thirteen in the year 2021 is awful because of the corona pandemic. Distance learning stressed me quite a lot and I'm glad it's over now.



# THIS IS ME



**Name:** Dominik Fellner

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** one brother (10), one sister (16)

**Hobbies:** playing the accordion

**My motto:** *When nothing is sure, everything is possible!*

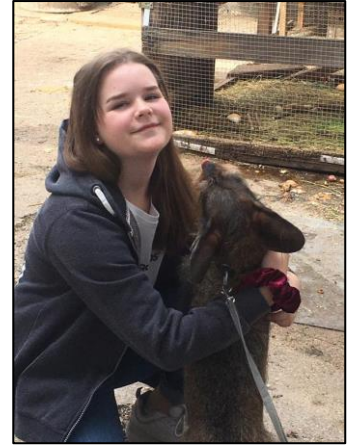
Hi, my name is Dominik and I am 13 years old. I am from Alberndorf. I live there with my mum, my dad, my younger brother and my older sister, but we are never alone because of our pets. We have got one dog, tree tortoises, two cats, three rabbits, fourteen chickens, one fighting fish and last but not least, four goldfish.

There aren't many rules in my family, but during the week I have to go to bed at a quarter past nine. At the weekend I usually go to bed at half past eleven. On Saturday evening my family and I always play games or watch TV together.

I really like being 13 because you don't have to go to bed so early. My parents often say that I have to work harder for school. This can be quite annoying! But all in all, my parents are quite OK, I think.

In my opinion, being thirteen is fun and I really like this age. When I'm bored, I go and play with my pets. They are always there for me!

# ME AND MY LIFE



**Name:** Frances Deutsch

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** two brothers, one sister

**Hobbies:** horse riding, drawing, tennis

**My motto:** *All the treasures in the world can't replace a good friend.*

Hi, my name is Frances and I'm 13 years old. I live in Alberndorf with my mum and her boyfriend. I also have two older brothers and an older sister, but they don't live with us anymore. We also have a cat called Gismo. He is six years old and he has lived with us since he was two.

I quite enjoy being thirteen because I can hang out with my friends. I often meet my nieces, too. That's great because they are the same age as me. In my free time, I go into the garden or I go trampolining. What I also really like is cooking for my family.

There are not so many rules in my family. Every second weekend I have to clean up the mess in my room, because I spend every other weekend at my dad's place. Another rule in my family is that I have to do the dishes.

I think it's a shame that my parents don't let me stay overnight at a friend's place during the week. As my parents see it, I am now old enough to buy my own clothes, but I'm still too young to go a concert with my friends.

In my opinion, my parents are the best. All in all, being thirteen is super. There is only one thing I don't like and that is that I have to clean my room.

# ALL ABOUT ME



**Name:** Franziska Czepl

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** one brother (16), one sister (22)

**Hobbies:** dancing, singing, baking, going for a walk with my dog

**My motto:** *One day you'll leave this world behind, so live a life you'll remember.*

Hi, my name is Franziska and I'm 13 years old. I live in Alberndorf with my family. My family, that is my dad Reinhard, my mum Barbara, my older brother Alex and my older sister Elena. But my sister doesn't live with us anymore, she has moved to Linz. Our house is not so big, but we have a garden with a pool in the summer when it's hot outside. I also have a pet called Trixi and she is as old as my brother. What a coincidence! I get on very well with everybody in my family. I am lucky to have such a great and loving family!

There aren't so many rules in my family, but we have some. For example, I have to tidy up my room once a week. In my free time I often go for a walk with my dog and my best friend Ella. To be honest, I sometimes don't like going for a walk, but spending time with Ella is great! We meet up almost every day.

I also like dancing very much. Because of the corona pandemic I can't have ballet lessons at the moment, that's a pity. When my parents aren't at home, I often sing songs. Another thing that I really like is hanging out with friends or staying over at a friend's place.

There are some things that I'm not allowed to do. For example, I'm not allowed to come home after ten during the week or dye my hair. When I have a birthday party I'm not allowed to drink alcohol, smoke or eat too much fast food. But turning my music up really loud is OK for my parents, and I'm also allowed to invite friends over or ride my bike without a helmet. Mum and Dad are not particularly strict about anything, and I have never been grounded so far, luckily.

In my opinion, being 13 is very cool but there is only one thing I don't like and that is that I'm still too young for certain things.

# THAT'S ME



**Name:** Samuel Brandstetter

**Age:** 13

**Family situation:** two sisters (6, 18), one brother (16)

**Hobbies:** football, meetings friends

**My motto:** Never give up

Hi, my name is Samuel and I'm 13 years old. I live in Austria with my family.

My family, that is my dad, my mum, my younger and my older sister and my older brother. We also have some pets, a cat called "Schneeflocke" and two rabbits called "Karotte" and "Hoppel".

There are not so many rules in our family, but there are some. For example, I am only allowed to stay up late at the weekends, but not during the week. I am also not allowed to play video games all day long. But apart from that, my parents aren't particularly strict about anything. So, my family situation is pretty cool at the moment.

In my free time I meet friends or play football with my brother. Of course, I also play video games or just hang around doing nothing.

I quite enjoy being thirteen because I'm now allowed to invite friends over without asking permission, but I'm not allowed to go to parties by myself. My parents let me turn the music up loud if I wear headphones. I'm also allowed to watch TV late, but only if I've done my homework before.

In my opinion, my parents are pretty cool and they aren't too strict, I think. All in all, being thirteen is great, but there is one thing I hate and that is doing the dishes.



# THIS IS HOW I LIVE



**Name:** Magdalena Babler-Franz  
**Age:** 13  
**Family situation:** two brothers (8 and 11)  
**Hobbies:** singing, dancing, volleyball, playing the flute, athletics  
**My motto:** *Love your life*

Hi, my name is Magdalena. I am 13 and I am from Passberg. I live there with my two younger brothers, my parents and our cat Kočka. We also used to have a lot of chickens but now we only have three.

In my free time I like to go out and play football with my brothers or volleyball with my dad. I also go shopping with my friends or my mom. I love to go for a run on sunny days. If the weather is bad, I play the flute or sing some songs.

On Tuesday at 2 p.m. I have a music lesson at the Salzhof, two hours later I have a singing lesson together with my friend Isabel. It is always a lot of fun. I really like my friends at school, we get on very well and always have a great time. At the moment I'm sitting next to Isabel at school. She is a very nice and charming person and often makes me laugh.

I can whatever I want in my free time, but there is one thing my parents are quite strict about: I mustn't be late for a lesson or for an event. I think this rule makes sense because no one likes it if you are late. Another rule is that my brothers and I have to be orderly. We have to clean our room twice a week. My brothers don't like this rule, and I really understand this. During the week I have to be home by 8 p.m. but at the weekend I can stay over at a friend's place or hang out with friends at the cinema or in the park.

I really like being thirteen, I think it's a cool age.

