Living conditions

I'm Corina and I'm 12 years old. I live in the little village of Gingen near Geislingen where I go to school.

I have got a little sister who is 7 years old and a little brother who is 11.

My sister's name is Antonia and my brother's name is Maximilian Peter but I only say Maxi. My hobbies are reading books and playing the clarinet. My favourite books are fantasy-books.

A weekday

Every morning I get up at 6 o'clock. I put on my clothes and clean my teeth. Then I have breakfast and at 7 o'clock I go to the bus-stop (in winter only, in summer I go by bike). There are seven kilometres between my home and school, but when I go by bike it's a lot of fun, because all my friends go by bike, too.

I usually arrive at half past seven; school begins at a quarter to eight.

Luckily we don't have to wear a uniform. Lessons end at 12.55, except for one or two days a week when we have lessons till 17.45.

When I can go home at 1 pm we have lunch (without my dad) and later I do my homework and read books or play with friends.

In the evening we wait for my dad to come home from work before we have dinner. Sometimes he plays with me, sometimes we watch TV. When it's 9 o'clock I usually clean my teeth, put on my pyjamas and read for a while (of course!) I have to be asleep by half past nine.

But when we have lessons in the afternoon I stay in the "Aula" (assembly hall) at lunchtime. I usually buy something to eat at the baker's and wait for the next lesson with my friends. School finishes at a quarter to six. I am very tired then and at home I just have a bite to eat, clean my teeth, take off my clothes and go to bed – with a book, of course.

A weekend

At weekends I can sleep as long as I want to. Often I get up at 9 o'clock and read a book. Later I must do some housework with my brother and my mum.

We usually have lunch at 1pm and then we all go outside with my dog Kevin.

After the "walking tour" we often play "monopoly", but my dad always wins.

Later we fritter the time away till evening.

Then we have dinner and later we are allowed to watch TV till half past ten.

Sometimes we make trips to sights or go to a museum or go shopping, ...

I love weekends.