

Judge John Hodgman: Kevin's Evidence

- Colleen requests Kevin be prohibited from speaking German with our children.



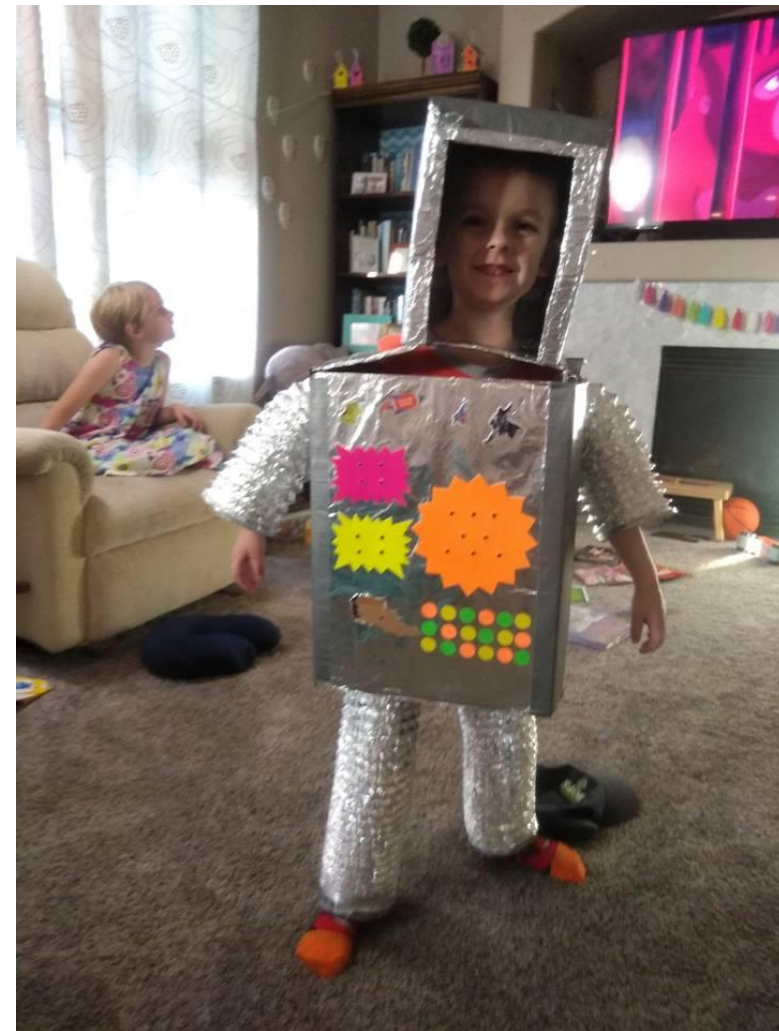
“Gretel”

- Started German school 2 years ago and really took to it!
- “Gretel” likes speaking German with me.
- As a 7 year old, Its one rare area where she gets to be the expert, and teach the adults.



“Hansel”

- “Hansel” started pre-K immersion and has had a tough time...
- When he doesn’t understand what’s going on he shuts down and gets angry.
- Hearing more simple German in a comfortable home environment might help him over the hump.



- These kids are clearly trouble together!
- It's a parental imperative to prevent them from developing a "secret code" at their language immersion school.
 - Otherwise they'll take over.

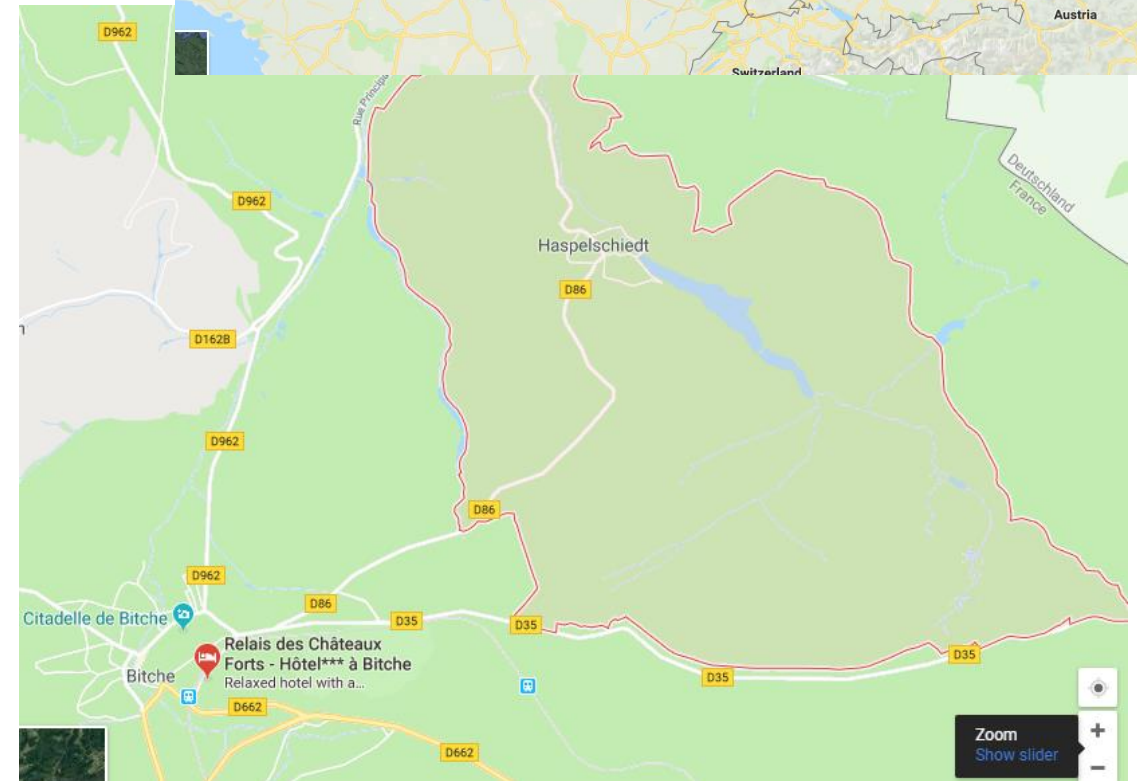


German class

- Colleen signed us both up for once-a-week German classes...
 - But then she dropped out.
 - Its up to me to keep up !
 - Once a week isn't much, and I make it 50% of the time.

Other practice options: “Oma”

- Colleen’s Mother (“Oma”) speaks German.
- Chatting with mother-in-law...
- “Hospelscheidt Deutsche”
 - Oma admittedly speaks an obscure dialect of German from a part of Germany currently ummm.. Uh.. administered by France? ;)



Other practice options: Coworkers..

- I have some generous and good natured colleagues in the German office, however...
 - Its not their job to teach me German
 - Many of them aren't native German either (polish, Australian, Russian)
 - We don't have regular/frequent meetings
 - Their good nature extends to a predilection to surreptitiously share double entendre and innocent phrases that sound like insults

Other practice options:



- Switching Netflix to German(language or subtitles) is useful but:
 - No one in the house tolerates German audio... so usually only subtitles.
- Can't practice speaking...
 - Can't really talk back to the TV or get feedback.