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Dear Robert,

I'm really pleased to start communicating with you. I hope we get to know each other throughout these letters and learn from each other's experiences.

Lima, capital of Peru, is a really big city with a population of almost nine million. I've lived here since I was born, so that means for about 28 years. However, none of my parents is from here. They were born in Trujillo, a city at the north. They came, like many other families, looking for better jobs and living conditions. By that time, in 1985, my older sister, Kathleen, was already born. I was born the following year and three years later my younger brother, David. Then the family was complete.

Since the three of us were very young, we traveled a lot with our parents to almost every peruvian region. Since then I've developed a huge love for travelling. Peru is a multicultural country with many different ways of thinking and living. In fact, you can see the reflection of that diversity in Lima. Being Peru a very centralized country there have been many waves of mass migrations towards Lima. Nowadays you can find here people from all over the country. How is it in Vienna? Do you like it there?

I live in a housing complex called "Las Torres de Limatambo", in the district of San Borja. It's a nice place to live, very calm and with many green areas. Most of its inhabitants are middle class citizens from diverse backgrounds due to the fact that it was built during the government of Belaunde, in 1982, and the apartments were sold through a nationwide competition. I'm sending you a picture of the view from my apartment so you can have an idea.

I would like to know a little bit about your life and the place you live in too. If there is anything in particular that you'd like to know feel free to ask me in your next letter.

I hope to hear from you soon,

Stefania Polo



the view from my apartment  
"Las torres de Limatambo". Lima 34



Here I'm with my mother in one of our trips to  
Cariate.





A family trip to "Pampa La Q'isima"  
in Ayacucho.

I'm the smallest one. My mother  
took the picture. My brother  
wasn't born yet.

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