Amerikahaus English Abi Support – Listening Comprehension Practice
Answers for Practice Questions

Stories from America - Radio Host from Illinois, USA
Where is Oglesby, IL?
2 hours west of Chicago
What percentage of John’s staff is currently working from home?
50%
How does the radio station usually earn money?
Small market advertising
What is one way Starved Rock Media has started to give its listeners a diversion?
Project “Frontline Faces”, Game “Top Ten Cartoons of All Time”

Stories from America – Graduate Student from Texas, USA
What characteristics does Megan need to be successful at e-learning?
Positivity, motivation and (self-)discipline
What is happening to the current workforce in the US?
Getting laid off, fired, and furloughed
How will Megan pay for her summer semester?
Getting government loans/funding
When did Megan move to Texas?
In December

Musician from Kansas
What are some other jobs Kathryn has besides being a musician?
Videographer, Barista, Bartender
Why has Kathryn been taking cover requests?
all her shows are canceled, to get tip money
Name two ways Kathryn is earning money during the pandemic.
Cleaning a park, tips via venmo, editing from home
What has Kathryn never done before now?
gardening, playing music every day

Spanish Teacher from Kansas
Does Vanessa need more time or less time to offer online classes?
more
Which week did Vanessa’s school announce online classes?
March 13th/14th

Some students struggle with online classes. What are some of the reasons for this, according to Vanessa?
attention, concentration on one thing, distractions at home

Where was Vanessa supposed to go with students for her service trip?
Tijuana

What did Vanessa mean when she said her summer plans are “up in the air”?
she can’t plan / her normal vacations aren’t possible

High School Band Teacher, Kansas, USA
What sort of equipment did the students take home in March?
their instruments

How does Dan communicate with his students now?
via email and zoom

Does Dan have his class meet as a big group online?
no, other teachers do

Who does Dan say has benefited most from this in his family?
his two-year-old daughter

Yoga Instructor, Kansas, USA
What other jobs does Michelle hold in this time?
life coach, health and wellness coach

How has Michelle provided students with mindfulness exercises?
sends yoga/mindfulness videos to them

Does Michelle expect people in the community to pay for her yoga classes at this time?
only if they can

Why does Michelle’s grocery shopping not last as long now?
older children moved back home

German Teacher from Illinois, USA
How long has Pete been teaching for?
47 years

Who did Pete ask for help when he was getting ready to do online classes?
his students

Which animals does Pete take care of every morning?
wildlife, dogs, cat
Why does Pete say the school closing came at a ‘fortuitous time’?
Germans didn’t risk health coming
BONUS: Which regional accent does Pete speak? (hint: big city)
New York accent

Executive Directive for Amity Institute
How long has Amity Institute existed?
over 50 years
Which two ways have partner schools responded to the pandemic?
sent home or online teaching
Where do teachers and interns live during their programs?
with host families
What does Amity Institute do?
exchange programs for teachers / foster intercultural understanding

Pediatric Nurse from California, USA
How long has Stephanie worked as a pediatric nurse?
4 years
How hard-hit is the hospital Stephanie works at?
not hard hit
What do her patients think is the best part of staying at home?
spending time with family
What type of building does Stephanie live in?
a condo(minium)

Behavioral Health Specialist, Hawai’i, USA
Which students receive “Individual Educational Plans” with Heather?
students with special needs
Who does Heather provide services for now that she is working from home?
students and parents
What age groups are in Heather’s client list?
5-18 years old
Name some reasons why Heather sees her situation now positively.
Lighter workload, still can exercise, no longer thinking of quitting job
**Teachers, Missouri, USA**

Which subjects do Lindsey and Chad teach, respectively?

- history, law

What do both miss most at the moment?

- face-to-face lessons

Has the amount of individual feedback Lindsey gives increased or decreased since going online?

- increased

What are some changes happening in Chad's field because of the pandemic?

- criminal law, employment law

**Fulbrighter, Alabama, USA**

Where did Amica work as a teaching assistant?

- Taiwan

Why does Amica follow strict quarantine procedures?

- her mom is a nurse

What is so special about Birmingham at the moment?

- epicenter of outbreak in Alabama

What does Amica receive even though she has returned to the United States?

- her grant money/her scholarship/her stipend

**Student / Member of Oglala Lakota Nation**

What does Esther want to teach her daughter someday?

- bead work art

Which war did Esther's father partake in?

- Vietnam war

Name two reasons Esther mentions for why reservations are at a high risk in the pandemic:

- mental health, high unemployment, few medical resources, food scarcity

What are two qualities Esther urges people to show during this time?

- positivity and resilience

**Literature Professor, Florida USA**

What type of virtual celebration is Martha participating in with her family?

- bar mitzvah
How does Martha spend a lot of her free time?
with the local Democratic Party club
Who did Martha see wearing N-95 masks?
poll workers (election workers)
How has Martha changed how she gives out vote-by-mail request forms since the pandemic?
by mail instead of at door / sends postcards now

**Tattoo Artist and Engineer, Illinois USA**
Is Julia already a tattoo artist?
Not yet. She is an aspiring tattoo artist
How does Tim receive money at the moment?
Through unemployment benefits
How have Julia and Tim been exercising?
Yoga, pull ups, walking dog
What are some activities this pair has been doing in the kitchen?
Cooking and baking

**Ornamental Horticulturalist, South Carolina, USA**
What is an easier term for Jeremiah's job title?
Professional gardener
What is South Carolina's policy about church services during the pandemic?
They can still meet in large groups
Has Jeremiah been able to work remotely?
No, he has not
With whom does Jeremiah's grandmother live?
Jeremiah's older sister