Amerikahaus English Abi Support – Listening Comprehension Practice
Read each question before watching the video. Then, during the video try to answer the questions. Listen to the video a second time and complete your answers, double-checking for their correctness.
Watch the videos here: https://www.amerikahaus.de/veranstaltungen/videoreihe-stories-from-america/ or on our YouTube channel (amerikahaus).
You will find the answers in this second half of this document.

Radio Host from Illinois, USA
Where is Oglesby, IL?
What percentage of John’s staff is currently working from home?
How does the radio station usually earn money?
What is one way Starved Rock Media has started to give its listeners a diversion?

Graduate Student from Texas, USA
What characteristics does Megan need to be successful at e-learning?
What is happening to the current workforce in the US?
How will Megan pay for her summer semester?
When did Megan move to Texas?

Musician and Videographer from Kansas, USA
What are some other jobs Kathryn has besides being a musician?
Why has Kathryn been taking cover requests?
Name two ways Kathryn is earning money during the pandemic.
What has Kathryn never done before now?
Spanish Teacher from California, USA

Does Vanessa need more time or less time to offer online classes?

Which week did Vanessa’s school announce online classes?

Some students struggle with online classes. What are some of the reasons for this, according to Vanessa?

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

What did Vanessa mean when she said her summer plans are “up in the air”?

High School Band Director, Kansas, USA

What sort of equipment did the students take home in March?

How does Dan communicate with his students now?

Does Dan have his class meet as a big group online?

Who does Dan say has benefited most from this in his family?

Yoga Instructor, Kansas, USA

What other jobs does Michelle hold in this time?

How has Michelle provided students with mindfulness exercises?

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

Why does Michelle’s grocery shopping not last as long now?
German Teacher from Illinois, USA
How long has Pete been teaching for?

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

Which animals does Pete take care of every morning?

Why does Pete say the school closing came at a ‘fortuitous time’?

BONUS: Which regional accent does Pete speak? (hint: big city)

Executive Directive for Amity Institute
How long has Amity Institute existed?

Which two ways have partner schools responded to the pandemic?

Where do teachers and interns live during their programs?

What does Amity Institute do?

Pediatric Nurse from California, USA
How long has Stephanie worked as a pediatric nurse?

How hard-hit is the hospital Stephanie works at?

What do her patients think is the best part of staying at home?

What type of building does Stephanie live in?
Behavioral Health Professional, Hawai’i, USA
Which students receive “Individual Educational Plans” with Heather?

Who does Heather provide services for now that she is working from home?

What age groups are in Heather’s client list?

Name some reasons why Heather sees her situation now positively.

Teachers, Missouri, USA
Which subjects to Lindsey and Chad teach, respectively?

What do both miss most at the moment?

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

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

Fulbrighter, Alabama, USA
Where did Amica work as a teaching assistant?

Why does Amica follow strict quarantine procedures?

What is so special about Birmingham at the moment?

What does Amica receive even though she has returned to the United States?
**Student / Member of Oglala Lakota Nation**
What does Esther want to teach her daughter someday?

Which war did Esther’s father partake in?

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

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

**Literature Professor, Florida USA**
What type of virtual celebration is Martha participating in with her family?

How does Martha spend a lot of her free time?

Who did Martha see wearing N-95 masks?

How has Martha changed how she gives out vote-by-mail request forms since the pandemic?

**Tattoo Artist and Engineer, Illinois USA**
Is Julia already a tattoo artist?

How does Tim receive money at the moment?

How have Julia and Tim been exercising?

What are some activities this pair has been doing in the kitchen?

**Ornamental Horticulturalist, South Carolina, USA**
What is an easier term for Jeremiah's job title?
What is South Carolina’s policy about church services during the pandemic?

Has Jeremiah been able to work remotely?

With whom does Jeremiah’s grandmother live?
**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

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 to 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?
hers 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

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**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

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**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