

A. Hör- und Hörsehverstehen

Part 1

Task 1

- (1) five / 5
- (2) the most popular foreign languages
- (3) half a dozen / six / 6
- (4) Ohio, USA, about 100 km north of Cincinnati
- (5) her school's international partnerships
- (6) (the possibility of) setting up a partnership with Gutenberg Mittelschule / Ralf's school

Part 2

Task 2

- (1) how many of them / the students would like to participate in the exchange (programme)
- (2) 15 (of them) would like to take part
- (3) (It is) voluntary / (It is) a voluntary subject.
- (4) (She will have to) beat the big drum (for it / for the programme).
- (5) Ralf's (students) / the German students / the students from Regensburg
- (6) (Because) This will give them more time to prepare things / The weather (in May) is better (than in April) / (They will have) more opportunities to organise outdoor activities
- (7) in (about) four weeks / in (about) four weeks' time

Part 3

Task 3

- (1) effort
- (2) connecting
- (3) asked
- (4) hit
- (5) be worried / worry
- (6) bus transfers
- (7) flight
- (8) announcement
- (9) advise

B. Sprachgebrauch

1. Complete the gaps using the correct form of the words in brackets and find suitable words to replace the question marks.

- ① finally
- ② an
- ③ was diverted
- ④ by
- ⑤ where / in which
- ⑥ is known

- 7 similarities
- 8 different
- 9 Last
- 10 cultural

2. Fill the gaps using the correct words from the box.

- 1 namely
- 2 consists
- 3 flat
- 4 which
- 5 empty
- 6 even
- 7 most
- 8 have been
- 9 are grown
- 10 well

C. Leseverstehen

1. Match the sentences with the gaps.

(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
A	E	H	C	G	F

2. Answer the questions.

- (1) (In some parts of) the Northwest and the Midwest
- (2) when cold and dry air is pushed over humid and warm air
- (3) hurricanes / a hurricane
- (4) (extremely) strong winds
- (5) (because of / due to / as a result of) the heavy weight of the snow

3. Give the line(s) of the sentences.

- (1) 10 – 11
- (2) 17 – 18
- (3) 24 – 25
- (4) 26 – 27
- (5) 33 – 34

4. Find the correct meanings.

- (1) 4
- (2) 2
- (3) 1
- (4) 2
- (5) 3

D. Sprachmittlung

Eintrag in Ralfs Tagebuch

Ein äußerst spannendes und auch lehrreiches Erlebnis war die Begegnung mit einigen Amish People während der Busfahrt nach Chicago. Unsere Schüler/-innen waren sehr überrascht, in einem so modernen Land wie den Vereinigten Staaten Menschen zu sehen, die recht altmodisch gekleidet sind und sich mit Pferdekutschen fortbewegen. Die zweite aufregende Erfahrung für unsere Schüler/-innen war das schier unendliche Lichtermeer der Wolkenkratzer von Chicago, als wir am Freitagabend im Dunkeln Chicago erreichten.

Willis Tower, der bis 2009 *Sears Tower* hieß, zählt zu den beeindruckendsten Bauwerken, die Chicago zu bieten hat. Er ist mit weit über 400 Metern Höhe das höchste Gebäude Chicagos und gleichzeitig das dritthöchste Gebäude der gesamten USA. Auf dem 103. Stockwerk des *Willis Tower*, in einer Höhe von 413 Metern, befindet sich eine Aussichtsplattform, das sogenannte *Skydeck*. Auf diesem *Skydeck* gibt es Boxen, die vollständig aus Glas bestehen und die etwa zwei Meter aus der Außenwand des Gebäudes hinausragen. Da auch die Böden dieser Boxen vollständig aus Glas bestehen, kann man darin mehr als 400 Meter direkt in die Tiefe auf die Straßen Chicagos schauen.

Als Laura und ich den Schüler/-innen am Sonntagmorgen mitteilten, dass wir vor unserer Rückfahrt nach Greenville noch das *Museum of Science and Industry* besuchen werden, reagierten sie auf diesen Programmpunkt zunächst mit einem gewissen Unmut. Als die Schüler/-innen aber während des Aufenthaltes im Museum die vielen Möglichkeiten nutzten, naturwissenschaftliche und technische Experimente durchzuführen, waren sie total begeistert. Die Heimfahrt verlief ohne Zwischenfälle, und die meisten Schüler/-innen schliefen erschöpft im Bus ein.

E. Text- und Medienkompetenzen

Rachel's answer

No, I really don't. I still feel that I just had to leave because I was so desperate to get an education. And I'm very happy now because I'm a teacher and can give lots of children the kind of education I had been denied as a teenager. However, I have to admit that I feel sad about not having had any contact with my parents or siblings for eight years now. I have written letters to them a number of times, but they have always refused to meet me or even talk to me. Sometimes I wonder why my parents, who truly believe that their Amish religion is a very pure form of Christianity, can be so cruel to their own child. After all, I just wanted to make a life for myself, which does not mean that I hate my family or intend to abandon my belief in God.

F. Schreiben

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Ref: Information about the Amish people

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am 16 years old and I live in Nuremberg, Germany. The other day I happened to watch a short but very interesting report on German TV about the Amish people in the USA. Searching the web for more information about the Amish, I eventually came across your website. Would you kindly assist me with the following queries:

Why do the Amish wear such traditional clothes? Moreover, are there any differences in the dress code(s) for women and men as well as for girls and boys? Please provide some details about the dress code(s), maybe including some pictures?

I was quite surprised to see that two such extremely different cultures, namely the culture of the Amish and the culture of mainstream America, can live side by side in one country.

Would you please enlarge on what kind of contact there is between those two cultures in everyday life?

Would you also kindly provide some historical background to the Amish religion?

Is there any connection between the historical origins of the Amish religion and the fact that lots of Amish people have German-sounding names and that their language is quite similar to German?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Roman Mittermaier

PICTURE AND KEYWORDS

A frightening experience

... my mum and I were on our way to my grandparents, who live in a small town three hours north of Dayton, Ohio. Two hours after we had left our house in Dayton, it became darker and windier almost by the minute. Suddenly, I saw something far ahead of us that looked like a grey tube stretching from the sky down to the ground. I asked mum, "What is that strange grey thing over there?" "It looks like the funnel of a tornado", mum answered. "A tornado?", I shouted, adding "let's get away from here as quickly as possible, mum."

But mum just stopped the car, got out, took her smartphone and started filming the tornado. I ran after her, grabbed her free hand and tried to pull her back to the car. "Mum, please, I'm scared. We need to escape from here now", I screamed. "Just give me two more minutes. This is so fascinating", mum replied. Another car behind ours was turning around on the road to head off in the opposite direction. At that moment, mum and I realised that the tornado had changed course and started moving towards us. We ran to our car and got in. Mum made a quick U-turn on the road and dashed off in the direction we had originally come from.