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5 like a desert – and many of the tribes could not cultivate it.

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10 thinks about leaving, too, because there are no jobs and no future for us if we stay. If you enter the reservation, it’s like entering another country. People here live in shabby⁵ old trailers⁶ or – if they are lucky – in shabby old houses. Many people here get depressed and drink too much alcohol. There are hardly any doctors, no good schools and the next bigger city is far away. The suicide rate⁷ here is three times higher than of
15 the rest of America. Many of my friends got pregnant⁸ at the age of 15 or even younger. So here they are today – 21 years old with three children, none of them finished school and they’re all without a job. However, my parents love our reservation because it’s like a big family. They would never leave although they understand the problems. In order to make some money, my tribe has been trying to attract⁹ tourists. They’ve opened a huge
20 casino, but not everybody here likes it. Some think it’s a danger to our culture, but I approve of¹⁰ it because it offers money and jobs.”

¹Native American = *amerikanischer Ureinwohner* – ²to force = *zwingen* – ³tribe = *Stamm* – ⁴infertile = *unfruchtbar* – ⁵shabby = *heruntergekommen* – ⁶trailer (AE) = *Wohnwagen* – ⁷suicide rate = *Selbstmordrate*
⁸pregnant = *schwanger* – ⁹to attract = *anziehen* – ¹⁰to approve of sth = *etw gutheißen*

1. READING

1.1 Read the text and tick the correct endings of the sentences.

3 P.

- a) When the first Europeans arrived, ...
- opened a casino.
 - leave the reservation.
 - get pregnant.
- b) To have a better life, the young people ...
- they moved to reservations.
 - they needed more space.
 - they went to Seattle.
- c) The Indians opened a casino ...
- to have more fun on the reservation.
 - to have a better cultural life.
 - to attract tourists.



1.2 Decide if the following statements are *right*, *wrong* or *not in the text*.

5 P.

	right	wrong	not in the text
a) Before the Europeans arrived, many Native Americans cultivated their own land and hunted animals.			
b) Mansi's great-grandparents already lived on the reservations.			
c) Johnny wants to move to Seattle, too.			
d) Unemployment is a big problem on the reservation.			
e) The reservation where Mansi's parents live is in another country.			

2. VOCABULARY

2.1 Find the words from the text that fit the following definitions.

4 P.

- a) a person whose job is catching fish: _____
- b) an area full of sand where it is very hot and dry: _____
- c) If you drink too much of it, you'll get drunk: _____
- d) a man or a woman who looks after patients in a hospital: _____

2.2 Fill in the right words.

5 P.

harvest (*Ernte*) dinner Plymouth Colony turkey Mayflower
 pilgrims (*Pilger*) tribe celebrate cranberry America

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. The first Thanksgiving was held in _____ in 1621. After a good _____ the _____ who had come to _____ on the _____ organized a great celebration. Indians from the Wampanoag _____ came along to _____ with them. Nowadays Americans celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and friends, having a huge _____ together. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner consists of _____ with mashed potatoes and _____ sauce.

6 Conditional sentences



3. GRAMMAR

3.1 Match the parts of the conditional sentences.

6 P.

Mansi's dreams:

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| a) If I had more money, | if we gave up the powwows. |
| b) I could stay on the reservation | I wouldn't have many chances in life. |
| c) We would lose part of our tradition | I could support my family. |
| d) If I had enough time, | if I'd finish my studies earlier. |
| e) If I didn't study hard, | I would feel bad leaving them behind. |
| f) If my parents didn't support me, | I would go down the Mohawk Trail. |

3.2 Write down what Sue could do if she visited Plymouth Plantation, a big open air museum. Use conditional sentences II.

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| a) She can have a look at the Mayflower II and talk to some actors. |
| b) At Nye Barn she will see farm animals. |
| c) She can have a coffee at the Patuxet Café. |
| d) In Wampanoag village she may learn about the Natives' life around 1600. |
| e) In the English village she'll see reconstructions (<i>Nachbildungen</i>) of the first houses. |
| f) In the Craft Center she may buy beautiful clay bowls. |

- a) If Sue visited Plymouth Plantation, _____
_____.
- b) If she went to Nye Barn, _____.
- c) If she was tired, _____.
- d) If she went to Wampanoag village, _____
_____.
- e) If she visited the English Village, _____.
- f) If she went to the Craft Center, _____.



3.3 Finish the following sentences.

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- a) If I lived in the USA, _____.
- b) If I had lived 400 years ago, _____.
- c) If I watch a western movie, _____.
- d) If I was a Native American, _____.
- e) If I had enough money, _____.
- f) If I have enough time, _____.
- g) If I went to the USA, _____.
- h) I would be so happy if _____.
- i) I will be sad if _____.

4. WRITING

Choose one of the following tasks. Write at least 100 words.

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- a) Johnny wants to leave the reservation and tells his parents about his plans. Write a dialogue and consider the following aspects: How do they react? What do they think? What are Johnny's arguments?

or

- b) You have to write an article about Native Americans for a magazine. Explain how they might have felt and what they might have thought about the arrival of the first settlers.

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1. READING

1.1 Read the text and tick the correct endings of the sentences.

3 P.

a) Mansi’s parents ...

- don’t want Mansi to move out in order to study.
- accepted Mansi’s decision to leave the reservation.
- want to move to Seattle, too.

b) The opening of the casino ...

- brought money and jobs to everybody.
- hasn’t made life on the reservation better.
- isn’t welcomed by everybody in the tribe.

c) The immigrants who came to the New World ...

- had to fight battles with each tribe.
- didn’t have any problems with getting the land.
- didn’t have many problems with most tribes.



**1.2 Answer the following questions in complete sentences.
Use your own words.**

6 P.

a) Why is life so hard for the Native Americans?

b) Why did the Native Americans have to move to reservations?

c) What do many young Native Americans do in order to have a better life?

2. VOCABULARY

Give a definition of the following words or use them in a logical sentence.

5 P.

a) immigrant: _____

b) reservation: _____

c) shabby: _____

d) hunter: _____

e) pregnant: _____



3. GRAMMAR

3.1 Fill in the verbs in brackets by using conditional sentences III.

6 P.

- a) If Columbus _____ (not look) for India, he
_____ (not discover) America.
- b) If the Natives _____ (not help) them, the pilgrims
_____ (have) problems.
- c) We would _____ (not hear) about potatoes if they
_____ (not bring) them to Europe.
- d) If the Natives _____ (attack) the settlers, they
would _____ (not take) their land.
- e) If they had _____ (not take) the Natives to
reservations, they _____ (not live) on their land.
- f) The USA would _____ (not become) independent
if there _____ (not be) a war.

3.2 Fill in the right verb forms and finish the sentences.

6 P.

- a) If I _____ (live) in the USA, _____
_____. However, I live in Germany.
- b) If I _____ (live) 400 years ago, _____
_____.
- c) If I _____ (watch) a cowboy film tomorrow, _____
_____. I love watching cowboy films.
- d) If I _____ (be) a Native American, _____
_____.
- e) If I _____ (have) enough money, _____
_____. Unfortunately, I don't have enough money.
- f) If I _____ (have) enough time on Friday, _____
_____. I always have a lot of time on Friday.



3.3 Sue visited Plymouth Plantation, a big open air museum. Imagine that she hadn't done the following things. Rewrite the sentences below by using conditional sentences.

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- a) She visited the Mayflower II and talked to the actors.
- b) She went to Nye Barn and saw farm animals.
- c) She was tired and had a coffee at the Patuxet Café.
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- e) She went to the English village and watched the reconstructions of the first houses.
- f) She was at the Crafts Center and bought a beautiful clay bowl.

- a) If she hadn't visited the Mayflower II, she wouldn't have talked to the actors. _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

4. TRANSLATION

Translate the following text into German.

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5. WRITING

Choose one of the following tasks. Write at least 120 words.

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- a) When Mansi decided to leave the reservation, she had to weigh up the pros and cons. Write her diary entry.

or

- b) Do you have a traditional holiday in your culture, too? Explain how you celebrate it.

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