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Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)	Deskriptor 1: Kann Gesprächen über vertraute Themen die Hauptpunkte entnehmen, wenn Standardsprache verwendet und auch deutlich gesprochen wird. (B1)
Themenbereich(e)	Interkulturelle und landeskundliche Aspekte
Zeitbedarf	12 Minuten (Vorbereitung, zweimaliges Vorspielen, Bearbeitung)
Länge des Hörtexts	2:39 Minuten
Material- und Medienbedarf	Abspielmöglichkeit für Hörtext Schreibmaterial
Besondere Bemerkungen, Hinweise zur Durchführung	Geben Sie den Kindern zwei Minuten Vorbereitungszeit. Zwischen dem ersten und zweiten Vorspielen machen Sie eine Pause von einer Minute. Die Nachbearbeitungszeit beträgt vier Minuten.
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**TAPE SCRIPT**

Interviewer: So, Tim, lots of people in Austria know about, say, Los Angeles or New York, but few people know about Virginia. Where exactly is Virginia?

Tim: Virginia is on the Atlantic Ocean, south of Washington D.C. So it is in the east of the US.

Interviewer: And is Virginia a nice place to live?

Tim: I think it is a nice place to live. We have a lot of mountains in the west, in the east we have beaches, there are a lot of resorts within the state and I think the people are really nice.

Interviewer: What about the climate? Is it similar to Austria?

Tim: No, it isn't. The winters are cold but it never snows and in summer it's a bit warmer than in Austria.

Interviewer: Is this a state where tourists get a lot to see?

Tim: Oh, there's a whole lot to see! The tallest mountain in Virginia is Mt Rogers, and we have several resorts on the coast. I live in Virginia Beach, which is the largest resort beach in the US.

Interviewer: Does this mean that lots of Americans go there to have holidays as well?

Tim: Yes, but they are also drawn to the history. Many of America's presidents come from Virginia.

Interviewer: Do they? Which presidents are you thinking of?

Tim: Well, Thomas Jefferson has, or had, a house in Virginia called Monticello, George Washington had his house, Mount Vernon, which is close to Washington. And of course there is Jamestown. In 1607, settlers from England founded the first colony in what is now the US. So you could say that the birthplace of the US is here in Virginia! The settlers came to search for gold and get rich quickly but had no idea how hard life would be for them. Most of them died of hunger in their first year at Jamestown. Today Jamestown is a kind of open air museum. In 2007, we will celebrate the 400 year anniversary of this first English settlement with a lot of special events and there will be visitors from all over the world coming to Virginia, I guess.



Interviewer: What about the Virginia of today? I mean, is it a state with a lot of industry?

Tim: Throughout most of the state there are a lot of farms, where I live there is a big navy base, and in the north, close to Washington, there is a lot of money up there.

Interviewer: So Virginia is a pretty rich part of the USA?

Tim: Parts of Virginia yes, but some parts are rather poor.

Interviewer: What are the problems for people there?

Tim: Well, in the poorer parts the level of education is not always very high, and sometimes the medical care isn't very good.

Interviewer: Thanks for talking to us, Tim!



VIRGINIA

This is an interview with Tim, an American student. He is talking about Virginia, his home state.

Read the sentences below.

Then listen and tick (✓) the correct answers.

You will hear the interview twice. After listening, you have 4 minutes to finish.

 **Tick (✓) the sentences that are correct:**

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- (3) The climate is like in Austria.
- (4) A lot of American people spend their holidays in Virginia.
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