

JG 1 Englisch BF - Solutions

Exercise 1:

Lösungsvorschlag

a) **Typical aspects**

- *economic reasons causing immigration*
- *immigrants crossing the border illegally on foot*
- *illegal immigration often makes several attempts necessary to get to the US*
- *immigrants often work as fruit pickers*
- *they receive minimal wages*
- *after many years now Armando has his papers and thus feels integrated into US society*

b) **Not very typical of an immigrant's story**

- *Armando married a US citizen*
- *Armando's parents-in-law are wealthy enough to be able to give him and their daughter a house.*

Exercise 2:

Lösungsvorschlag

Crossing the border

- *Some immigrants are helped by family members, others have to hire a coyote.*
- *They are often caught and sent back.*
- *They often try to wait for a change of guards to cross the border.*
- *They must often hide so as not to be detected by "la migra".*
- *They are often dependent on Americans to help them with money and clothing.*

Problems of (illegal) immigrants

- *They often feel like a minority.*
- *They have no social security but pay taxes.*

The political debate on immigration

- *Illegal immigrants are welcomed because they pay taxes and social security without having the right to get any benefits in later years.*
- *If they were legalised, they would have to be refunded what they had earned.*
- *They are needed because they are willing to take jobs Americans don't want to do but face anti-American groups who want to seal up the border and make it impermeable.*