

DIRECTIONS: As your students listen to the podcast, have the respond to the following questions. Either pause the recording or play the recording twice.

1. What kinds of food do Turkmens most often eat? **Rice, bread, bread products**
2. Name Mike’s favorite food: **Korean monty**
3. Name the most unusual food Mike has eaten: **Brain of a goat**
4. List the languages spoken in Turkmenistan: **Russian, Uzbek, Turkmen**
5. What is Michael’s profession? **Teacher**
6. How long does the Turkmen school year go? **September to May**
7. Do Turkmen students study similar or different subjects in school? What are they?
Similar: languages (Russian, English), math (division, subtraction, addition, multiplication), history, science, and computer
8. List three things people in Turkmenistan do in their free time to have fun. **Play soccer, basketball, volleyball, card games, checkers, chess, and backgammon; and in the winter, they throw snowballs and build snowpeople**
9. How are Turkmen teachers different from American teachers? **Stricter and more formal classes**
10. Name one thing Michael has learned from his time in Turkmenistan: **Patience, better communication, how to make friends with people from a different culture, how to live in a different culture, confidence**
11. Write questions you would ask Mike about Turkmenistan.

BONUS: United States & Turkmenistan

1. Estimate the distance from your town to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan: _____ miles
2. Calculate the distance: _____ miles
3. Geographically, which is larger: your state or Turkmenistan?
 - a. Your state: _____ sq. miles
 - b. Turkmenistan: **303,292** sq. miles