

3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a **iChecker** Listen and underline the stressed words.

- 1 How are you going to get there?
- 2 Where are you going to stay?
- 3 We're going to stay for a week.
- 4 I'm going to see the sights.
- 5 We aren't going to go by car.
- 6 I'm not going to stay in a hotel.

b **iChecker** Listen again and repeat the sentences.
Copy the rhythm.

4 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to four speakers talking about their first experience CouchSurfing. How many people did not enjoy the experience? _____

b **iChecker** Listen again and match the speakers to the sentences A–D.

Speaker 1 Speaker 3
Speaker 2 Speaker 4

A CouchSurfing gave me the chance to make friends.
B CouchSurfing helped me with my work.
C My host was also my tour guide to the city.
D My second experience CouchSurfing was better than the first.

5 READING

a Read the text. Answer the questions with A (Angela), J (Jay), S (Sofia), or T (Tomo).

- 1 Which person made new friends while traveling?
- 2 Who spent very little on accomodations?
- 3 Who used his or her InterRail pass on another form of transportation?
- 4 Who was traveling abroad for the first time?
- 5 Which person found it easy to make new plans while traveling?

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

couch /kaʊtʃ/
roommate /'rummeɪt/
a host /ə 'hoʊst/
create a profile /kri'eɪt ə 'profəl/
recommend (things to do) /rekə'mend/
Have a good trip! /hæv ə god 'trip/
It's free. /ɪts 'fri/
Things didn't work out. /θɪŋz 'dɪdn't wərk aʊt/

Traveling by InterRail

Since 1972, backpackers have enjoyed the freedom to explore 30 European countries thanks to the InterRail pass. Here, InterRail travelers say why they love InterRail so much.

Angela Bowman, (23, the US)

Route

Amsterdam – Hamburg – Berlin – Warsaw – Krakow – Prague – Vienna – Budapest – Zagreb – Split – Mostar – Sarajevo – Belgrade

I love InterRail because you can go where you want, when you want! When we started our trip, we had an idea of where we wanted to go, but as we traveled, we got new ideas. Changing our plans was easy – you can stay an extra night or two if you like a place, and if you don't like it, you can go somewhere else. The InterRail pass gives you real freedom.

Jay Honahan (26, Canada)

Route

Amsterdam – Bonn – Stuttgart – Salzburg – Ljubljana – Split – Pescara – Bari – Corfu – Igoumenitsa – Patras – Athens

One of the best things about InterRail is that you get cheaper, or even free travel on ferries as well as trains. I traveled to Split in Croatia and then took the ferry to Pescara in Italy. Then I traveled by InterRail to the south of Italy and then took the ferry to the Greek island of Corfu. It was fantastic! You also get discounts on hotels, tourist attractions, and a lot more.

Sofia Valenzuela (26, Mexico)

Route

Paris – Versailles – Épernay – Blois – Angers – Lyons – Chamonix – Nice – Monaco – Ventimiglia – Pisa – Florence – Perugia – Assisi – Rome – Naples

In six weeks, I met so many new, interesting people and made friends from all over the world. It's a cheap way to travel too, especially if you take the night trains – I saved a lot of money on accomodations this way. I really want to go InterRailing again!

Tomo Nagasaki (21, Japan)

Route

Innsbruck – Venice – Sienna – Lucca – Pisa – Florence – Cannes – Monaco – Nice – Figueras – Rosas – Barcelona – Paris – Antwerp

This was the first time I'd left Japan, and I loved it. InterRail is safe and easy for first-time travelers. I got an InterRail Global Pass so I could take as many trains as I wanted. I saw many amazing places, and learned a lot about Europe's culture and history. I visited over 15 cities in less than a month. I'm definitely going to do it again next year!