

Marta, a solo traveler in Tokyo, was sitting in a quaint café surrounded by her Japanese books. Trying to order a coffee, she was quietly practicing the phrases she had learned. Suddenly, she overheard a conversation in Spanish nearby. Looking over, she saw a group of young people laughing and sharing stories.

With a bit of hesitation but encouraged by the familiarity of the language, Marta approached and asked in Spanish: "Excuse me, are you tourists like me?". The welcoming smiles of the strangers gave her the courage to join in the conversation. They turned out to be a group of friends from Argentina visiting Japan. They shared experiences about their travels, and Marta found out they had common interests in Japanese food and anime.

They decided to explore the city together. They visited historic temples, laughed while trying sushi for the first time, and took pictures in the colorful streets of Akihabara. The afternoon flew by with laughter and stories. As night fell, they found themselves sharing dinner in a local restaurant, toasting to new friendships.

Marta felt grateful for this unexpected company. She had not only practiced her Japanese but also made friends to share her adventures with. As they said goodbye, they exchanged contacts, promising to keep in touch and maybe meet up in another country. Marta went to bed that night with a smile on her face, reminded that travel is not just about places but also about the human connections we make.

According to the story answer these questions:

- 1 What does "*solo traveler*" mean?
- 2 What did Marta see when she was trying to order a coffee?
- 3 What interests did the group have in common?
- 4 Which places did they visit together?
- 5 What reason did they have to tribute?
- 6 As per Marta, what else is important about traveling?