

Reading comprehension and writing



1. Look at the logo. Discuss what you think this organization does.

2. Parts of speech: Read the definitions and classify the words from the box under the corresponding part of speech.

Aim build improve sponsors stay vocational wonderful

Adjective (adj): a word which modifies a noun, a pronoun or an adverb.

Noun (n): a word which refers to a person, place or thing.

Verb (v): a word which describes an action or state.

3. Read the text. Identify the part of speech that completes each sentence.

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Long time no see! I was (a) _____ the whole summer. I worked for A Roof for my country (Un techo para mi País) with some other students in Lima.

This is a (b) _____ organization that started in Chile in 1997 but is now active in 19 Latin American countries. Seven guys and I (c) _____ a house in two days! OK, so it was only a prefabricated house with a zinc roof and a concrete floor, but still, it was a house!

Then I (d) _____ for another week teaching teens computer skills. The money for the materials came from different (e) _____. The main (f) _____ of A Roof for My Country is to (g) _____ the quality of life for poor families. They have lots of young people helping to construct houses, organize health and literacy programs, and provide (h) _____ training. You know I always wanted to fight (i) _____ and this summer I felt like I finally did something about it.

4. Read the text. Use verbs in simple past tense to complete statements.

- a) Last summer Melissa _____ in Lima.
- b) A Roof for my Country _____ in Chile in 1997.
- c) There _____ seven other volunteers working with Melissa.
- d) Melissa _____ a house in two days.
- e) Melissa also _____ teens computer skills.
- f) Money for the materials _____ from sponsors.