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**Interview One**

**A:** This is Nick Krakauer, and you're listening to *World Reflections*. We're talking today with Nancy Sullivan from Minneapolis in the \_\_\_\_\_ . Hi, Nancy.

**B:** Hi, Nick.

**A:** So, Nancy, I understand you're a real traveler--that you've visited over twenty-five countries around the world.

**B:** That's right.

**A:** Tell us some of the \_\_\_\_\_ you've been to.

**B:** Well, I've been to countries all over . . . North and South America, Europe, Asia . . .

**A:** What have been the most \_\_\_\_\_ places for you to visit?

**B:** Hmm . . . Well, I like visiting countries where the culture is really \_\_\_\_\_ from my own. That's what I find most interesting. Different body language, different foods . . . you know.

**A:** You told me earlier you've been to India. What was that like?

**B:** Oh, India is \_\_\_\_\_ .

**A:** And what was so different about it?

**B:** Well for one thing, when people say "yes," they \_\_\_\_\_ their heads from side to side instead of up and down, like I do.

**Interview Two [B = Australian English]**

**A:** Nick Krakauer here, hosting *World Reflections*. Today's guest is Andrew Barlow from Perth, Australia. G'day, mate!

**B:** G'day to you.

**A:** So Andrew, I understand you've been a \_\_\_\_\_ overseas, is that correct?

**B:** I have been, yes.

**A:** And I understand you have an interesting story about something you \_\_\_\_\_ once in one of those countries.

**B:** That's right.

**A:** Tell us about it.

**B:** Well, this happened when I got my first teaching job in a very small village. The people in the village wanted to thank me for coming, so they prepared a meal with a lot of really \_\_\_\_\_ dishes.

**A:** That must have been nice.

**B:** It was. But there was one thing that I thought was kind of, well, \_\_\_\_\_. They had these tiny little \_\_\_\_\_ that were still alive. They were moving on the plate.

**A:** Whoa!

**B:** Yeah. You're supposed to put one in your mouth and swallow it whole.

**A:** Oh, boy!

**B:** Look, I was their guest and I didn't want to be \_\_\_\_\_, so I tried one. But I could feel it moving as it went down into my stomach. I tried a few, to be nice. But I just didn't know how to say, "Thanks, but no thanks," without being rude.

**Interview Three** [B= Japanese]

**A:** We're back on *World Reflections*. My next guest is Mieko Nakamura from Sendai, Japan.

Welcome, Mieko.

**B:** Hi, Nick.

**A:** Mieko, I've been told that you've traveled a lot and you've done some \_\_\_\_\_ things.

**B:** I have.

**A:** That you especially like to do, well, things that would be kind of frightening for most people.

**B:** I guess that's true. But not \_\_\_\_\_ to me. Just very exciting.

**A:** So tell us about what you've done.

**B:** Well for one thing, I've gone swimming with sharks. Twice!

**A:** What?!

**F:** Swimming with sharks.

**B:** For real? And you didn't find that scary?

**B:** Well, I didn't do it alone. I was with a group. But swimming so close to the sharks was really \_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** And what else?

**B:** Last year I \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Everest.

**A:** The world's highest mountain?

**B:** Yes.

**A:** I'll bet it was really cold.

**B:** It was. But I was really \_\_\_\_\_ to be standing on the top of the world.