10B In the footsteps of Marco Polo

G *be going to* (plans), future time expressions
V city holidays
P sentence stress

Where are you going to stay? *We're going to rent a flat.*

1 GRAMMAR *be going to* (plans)

a 10.7 Vienna Cammarota is planning to walk 13,000 miles from Venice to Beijing along the route of the Silk Road. Listen to an interview with her. Number the photos in the order she mentions them.











b Now read the interview. Complete the gaps with a verb from the list. Then listen again and check.

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I **Vienna, tell us about your plan. Why are you going to [1]walk from Venice to China?**
VC It's an amazing adventure! I'm going to [2]do the same journey that the famous Venetian traveller Marco Polo did. It's called the Silk Road. But you know, Marco Polo started it when he was only 17, and I'm starting it at 72!

I **When are you going to [3]_____ home?**
VC I'm going to [4]_____ the journey next week. First, I'm going to walk to Slovenia. Then from Slovenia to Croatia, and then Bulgaria.

I **How many countries are you going to [5]_____ through?**
VC Thirteen – that's not counting Italy and China. Some very exciting places, like Kazakhstan, Mongolia...

I **And how long is it going to [6]_____?**
VC A long time. Probably three years.

I **Wow! Are you nervous? Do you think the journey is going to [7]_____ dangerous?**
VC I'm a little nervous, but I'm ready for the challenge. And I have an app on my phone so that my doctor in Italy can check my health.

I **Are you going to take a lot of photos?**
VC Yes, I am. I also want to make videos of my journey, so I'm going to [8]_____ a GoPro camera.

I **What's going to be the most difficult thing about the journey?**
VC Probably the weather! It's going to be very cold in Mongolia.

I **Where are you going to [9]_____?**
VC I'm not going to stay in hotels. I want to stay with local people I meet along the way, so I can listen to their different stories.

I **Well, good luck Vienna – I'm going to [10]_____ your journey on social media to see how it's going.**
VC Thank you very much.

c Look at some extracts from the interview. Answer questions 1 and 2.

When are you going to leave home?
I'm going to start the journey next week.
I'm not going to stay in hotels.

1 What form is the verb after *be going to*?
2 Do we use *be going to* to talk about the past, the present, or the future?

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e 10.9 Do you think Vienna succeeded? Listen and find out.

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