

Travel to distant mountains

Clive Hello?

Debbie Hi, Clive, is that you'?

C: Yes, hi, Debbie.

D: Did you manage to see those _____ for our expedition'?

C: Yes, I did, and there was an extra one who was quite a _____. You know, he hadn't applied and he just **turned up out of the blue**, so we _____ any details for him.

D: Really? Tell me about him

C: OK, and you can take some notes. Then we'll see what we think

D Fine.

C: First, he's called Sanjay Dubashi.

D: OK Sanjay is spelled S-A-N-J-A-Y, right?

C: Correct And Dubashi is D-U-B-A-S-H-I

D: D-U-B-A-S-H-I, fine, thanks, I'm just getting that down. And did you find out how old he is?

C: Sure, he's round about our age, you know - well, _____, he's 27, quite a big man, quite **muscular**, impressive, with a big **moustache**

D: And what does he do'?

C: Well, actually, he just says he's an _____, you know, just one of those people with quite a routine job in an office.

D: Mm, _____ he finds his job very interesting. Has he got any _____, do you know, of going off to **remote** places _____?

C: Yes, he's been all over the place. He was telling me all about a trip he made in a Land Rover across _____ from one side to the other, which sounded pretty _____

D: Great! I think it would be really interesting to cross Central Africa. I'd love to do that. Anything _____? I mean, where he actually had to _____ - you know, being so muscular, as you say?

C: Mm, I was coming to that. Last year, he went to _____ with some friends in their summer holidays and they _____. Let's see, urn, Mount Elbrus, it's called.

D: Wow, now that's really quite something. By the way, Elbrus is spelled E-L-B-R-O-S, isn't it?

C: Not quite, it's U-S

D: Ah, OK What **qualifications** does he have which would _____ us? Has he done any sort of **specialist** _____, for example?

C: Well, he's done a _____ in first aid, which may be pretty _____. If any of us get **injured**, he should know what to do.

D: Good. It might be useful to have someone who knows how to do _____ in case someone has an _____. Can he swim?

C: I didn't ask, now you mention it. I forgot. But he did tell me he can hold _____ in five languages. He's not _____ in all of them, but he can get by. He grew up in India, and I **suppose** that helps, you know, for _____, though now he lives over here.

D: Right. What else? Has he _____, for instance?

C: Yes, he _____ in _____, though he says he's never worked in the media

D: OK, and when he's not off on expeditions to _____, what does he like doing _____?

C: He seems to do all **sorts of** things. _____ which could be useful is that he likes fishing

D: Yes, we'd better tell him to bring his fishing **rod** - that is, if we choose him.

C: And he seems to spend a lot of time _____ - he says he really likes to _____. And when you meet him, you'll believe it's true.

D Great, another _____ fanatic, like you. Well, sounds like I should meet him, doesn't it? When can you fix that up?