

MULTIPLE CHOICE

You are going to listen to an interview with Mary -Brich Harmon, a volunteer working for the NGO "Habitat for Humanity". Read statements 1-7 carefully and listen to the recording. Choose the option (a,b or c) that best completes each statement. Mark (X) the correct option in the space provided. Only one option is correct.

1. **The first goal of *Habitat for Humanity* is ...**
 - a. to stop poverty in the USA where it is based.
 - b. to stop poverty all over the world.
 - c. to help people in need of a decent home.

2. **Mary-Birch Harmon has been involved in ...**
 - a. international commitments.
 - b. travelling to raise money.
 - c. instructing students.

3. **The students who participate in these projects ...**
 - a. have never worked in this field.
 - b. learn about the countries when being there.
 - c. have a great deal of knowledge beforehand.

4. **When being in Papua New Guinea, they were working...**
 - a. with wood for first time.
 - b. with wood and other hard materials.
 - c. with wood as usual.

5. **Regarding the house in Papua New Guinea,**
 - a. they didn't finish it.
 - b. they left when they finished it.
 - c. they worked hard to finish it.

6. **When they commit to help in a project, they know that ...**
 - a. they will be working without supervision.
 - b. some other people will be involved.
 - c. they will be in charge of most of the work.

7. **When she refers to "simple tasks", she refers to tasks...**
 - a. everybody can carry out without previous information.
 - b. everybody can easily learn.
 - c. everybody can carry out carefully

Matthew: Hi, everybody. My name's Matthew White and I'm here interviewing Mary-Birch Harmon, who *we lovingly call* MB. MB, we know you go on lots of trips for Habitat For Humanity. Could you please explain exactly what is Habitat?

MB: Sure. Habitat For Humanity is an *NGO* that's based out of America and it's committed to stopping *poverty housing* all over the world.

Matthew: All over the world. OK, so normally do you do your work in America or where do you go?

MB: I have gone on many trips in Asia actually. I'm mostly involved with Habitat For Humanity International.

Matthew: So how many trips have you been on?

MB: I've been on six different trips.

Matthew: OK, six trips.

MB: Yeah.

Matthew: And where did you go on the last trip?

MB: I went to Papua New Guinea for two weeks.

Matthew: Two weeks.

MB: Yeah, and I went with ten students and there were three teachers on the trip as well.

Matthew: Students! And how do you *convince students to go* on these trips?

MB: Well, I'm a member of a campus chapter through a university in Japan and I've been able to go on these trips with the students because they are very committed as well to stopping poverty housing and they've studied a lot about the different countries that we visit and they've studied a lot about how we can help by helping to build a house.

Matthew: You said you went to Papua New Guinea last time.

MB: Yeah.

Matthew: Can you tell us a little bit about what that experience was like?

MB: Sure. We had a wonderful time. We were there for two weeks and we were working on a wooden house. In the previous trips we never had used wood before so this was a new experience for the students and for myself and it was lot of work. It was a lot of hard work but we were able to finish most of the house. We didn't complete everything, but we worked as hard as we could and we put a lot of love into the house and it was a lot of fun.

Matthew: So do you have... I mean, how do you... You're building a house. Do you have some special construction skills?

MB: No, I don't. I'm an *unskilled laborer*, but when you go on a trip they have skilled laborers there, or skilled people there that teach you how to build, so we do very simple tasks and we try to help the local people or the family build their house.

Matthew: When you say simple tasks, simple can different for different people. What's a simple task?

MB: Well, like we learn how to mix cement which means that you have to mix it using the cement sand as well as water as well as rock or you learn how to plane wood which is to make it very smooth, or you learn how to hammer a piece of wood for a wall or for flooring or anything like that. Simple meaning a job that anyone could learn how to do.