

READING



- 1 Look at the photo and read part of Ella's blog about her travelling life. Complete it with the correct words.

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This is my second year of travelling with my family now. When my parents first talked about selling our home and going travelling, I was very ¹..... with them and said I wasn't sure about it. At fifteen years old you just want to go to school and ²..... with your friends, right? But in fact it's great. We're now part of a different ³..... of families who choose to travel around, and I'm definitely pleased that I don't have the ⁴..... of school exams anymore! We meet lots of different people – today we gave two students from Sweden a ⁵....., and they were really fun to chat to. Tomorrow we're going into the mountains. It's really cold there, and we want to see what a river looks like when it ⁶..... – it sounds cool to me!

2 Read Ella's blog in Ex 1 again. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Ella spoke to her parents honestly when they suggested going travelling.
- 2 Ella thinks that teenagers enjoy doing organised activities with their friends.
- 3 Ella thinks that families who travel around help each other and feel connected to each other.
- 4 Ella used to get worried when she had exams.
- 5 Today, two students from Sweden travelled with Ella and her family.
- 6 Ella wants to see a river in very hot weather.

3 Read an interview with Ella on page 7. Match the headings with the correct paragraph.

- 1 What about your education?
- 2 What are the best and worst things about travelling all the time?
- 3 Was it hard to leave your friends behind?
- 4 What's it like being with your parents all the time?

4 Read the interview again. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Ella and her family drive to a new place every day.
- 2 Ella doesn't enjoy having to keep her room tidy.
- 3 Ella often argues with her parents now.
- 4 Ella has a better relationship with her brother now.
- 5 It isn't easy for Ella to contact her friends back home.
- 6 Ella feels disappointed that she can't relax with her friends now.
- 7 Ella and her mum both find maths difficult.
- 8 Ella and her family sometimes visit places to help with Ella's studies.

5 What do you think Ella would say about her life now?

- A I love it, but my brother finds it really difficult.
- B There are some difficulties, of course, but there are lots of good things, too.
- C I thought it was a good idea at first, but now I'm not so sure.
- D We have lots of problems as a family that we didn't have before.