



4d Take a year off!

Reading

- 1 Read the web page and answer the questions.

- 1 What does the website offer?
- 2 What are the top three volunteer jobs?

VOLUNTEER WORK

Do you need a break from your everyday work?¹

Do you want to travel and live in other countries?

Do you want to take a year off between high school and college?

We have hundreds of volunteer jobs for your year off. This week, our **TOP THREE** volunteer jobs are:

- 1
- 2
- 3



Call 555-432-7543 now and ask for more information.

¹volunteer work (n) /ˌvɒlənˈtɪəwɜːk/ a job for no money

²orphan (n) /ˈɔːrfən/ a child with no parents

³cub (n) /kʌb/ a very young lion

- 2 Work in pairs. Answer these questions.

- 1 Do people take a year off in your country? What do they do during that time?
- 2 Do you do any volunteer work near where you live?

Real life talking about abilities and interests

- 3 ▶ 45 Work in pairs. Listen to someone call the number on the website in Exercise 1. Which volunteer job is she interested in?
- 4 ▶ 45 Listen again. Look at the expressions for talking about abilities and interests and circle the expressions you hear.

TALKING ABOUT ABILITIES AND INTERESTS

Are you good at **teaching**?
How well can you **speak English**?
Can you **teach**?
Do you like **animals**?
I can speak **English** well.
I can't **go for eighteen months**.
I'm (not very) good at **writing**.
I (don't) like **animals**.
I love **them**!

5 Pronunciation sentence stress

- ▶ 46 Listen to these sentences. Notice the stressed words. Then listen again and repeat.
- 1 Are you good at writing?
 - 2 I'm good at writing.
 - 3 Can you teach?
 - 4 How well can you teach?
 - 5 I can't speak English very well.
 - 6 Do you like animals?
 - 7 I love animals!

- 6 Write four questions using the expressions for talking about abilities and interests. Then work in pairs to ask and answer your questions.
- 7 Work in pairs. Look at the website in Exercise 1 again and practice this telephone conversation.

Student A: You work for the Volunteer Work company. Ask Student B about his or her abilities and interests.

Student B: You want to take a year off. Answer questions about your abilities and interests.