Level: B2: Upper Intermediate

Skill: Reading

Globetrotter

Globetrotter: someone who travels regularly to different parts of the world

What's it like to be a globetrotter? What does it take to travel all over the world, and how do you cope with the challenges?

The first time I went abroad was when I was 18. I went to France for a month with my best friend, and I loved it. The next year, I went to Australia for a year. Since then, I've been travelling as much as possible. I'm not sure why I love travelling so much. Maybe it's because I'm curious about other cultures. I also enjoy meeting new people and trying new things.

I don't usually have a plan when I travel. I just go where the wind takes me. Sometimes this can be a bit stressful, especially when I don't know where I'm going to sleep that night! But I like the freedom of not having a plan. It means I can stay in a place for longer if I want to, or leave if I don't like it.

One of the hardest things about travelling is being away from my family and friends. I miss them a lot, but we keep in touch by phone and email. I also find it hard to be in a country where I don't speak the language. It can be frustrating not being able to communicate with people. But I try to learn a few words and phrases before I go to a new country. People are usually very friendly and willing to help.

I've had some amazing experiences while travelling. One of the most memorable was when I went to Thailand. I stayed on a small island for three months. Every day, I went swimming in the sea and ate fresh fish at the local restaurant. It was paradise! Another great experience was when I went trekking in Nepal. The mountains were breathtaking, and I met lots of interesting people along the way.

Of course, not every trip is perfect. There are always ups and downs when you're travelling. But I think that's what makes it so exciting. Travelling has taught me a lot about myself and the world around me. I can't imagine my life without it.

1 What motivates the globetrotter to travel?

1. Curiosity about other cultures
2. Desire to escape from family and friends
3. Love for planning every detail of the trip
4. Fear of staying in one place for too long

2 Why does the globetrotter prefer not to have a specific plan when travelling?

1. To save money on accommodation
2. To have the freedom to stay longer in a place
3. To challenge themselves with unexpected situations
4. To avoid having to communicate with locals

3 Which experience in Thailand does the globetrotter describe as "paradise"?

1. Swimming in the sea daily
2. Eating fresh fish at a local restaurant
3. Staying on a small island for three months
4. Trekking in the breathtaking mountains

4 How does the globetrotter overcome the language barrier when travelling?

1. Avoiding interactions with locals
2. Using a translation app on their phone
3. Learning a few words and phrases beforehand
4. Ignoring the language difference and relying on gestures

5 What does the globetrotter find most challenging about being away from home?

1. Missing their daily routine
2. Feeling disconnected from family and friends
3. Dealing with unexpected situations
4. Adapting to a new culture and environment



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