

Home and abroad

After a short time living in a foreign country. I noticed conversations with locals assumed a **(0) predictable** pattern. There were standard answers to the usual questions. Most questions caused little **(1)_____** -it was rather like dancing, where both partners know how to avoid **(2)_____** on each other's toes.

But, 'When are you going home?' was a question **(3)_____** to answer, whenever I **(4)_____** my life and the direction it seemed to be **(5)_____**. In the last ten years, I had lived in a dozen countries. And I had travelled through dozens more; usually in **(6)_____** of a purpose or a person; occasionally to see the attractions.

This kind of travel is not **(7)_____** wandering, but is the extensive exploration of a wide **(8)_____** of cultures. However, it doesn't allow you to put down roots. At the back of your mind, though, is the idea of home, the place you came from.

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| 1. A. puzzle | B. trouble | C. obstacle | D. barrier |
| 2. A. touching | B. moving | C. walking | D. stepping |
| 3. A. worked | B. competed | C. stretched | D. struggled |
| 4. A. considered | B. thought | C. reflected | D. believed |
| 5. A. making | B. finding | C. seeking | D. taking |
| 6. A. look | B. search | C. sight | D. inquiry |
| 7. A. aimless | B. unreasonable | C. unreliable | D. indefinite |
| 8. A. difference | B. arrangement | C. variety | D. order |