

## 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.

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