A2 Reading Comprehension

Travel writer

Tim Greenwood lives in Oakland, USA. He has written about Cambodia, Thailand and India. At the moment he is writing a book about Nepal.

- Tim, how did you start travelling?

We never travelled as a family, but when I was a teenager I saw movies like Lawrence of Arabia and they made me want to travel. I left college at the age of 21 and went to Europe alone. That trip didn't go well – I was too young and didn't know how to look after myself.

- How did you start writing?

I've loved writing since I was ten – I've never wanted any other career. At 21, I wrote for my weekly college paper and then started writing travel articles. At first, none of the travel magazines I sent them to wanted to buy them, but that slowly changed. It took two or three years, I guess.

- What do you find difficult about writing?

It is easy to spend all my time travelling and then not have time to open up my laptop and work! Also, it's hard to earn enough money. I'll never stop writing, but one day I may have to do a few hours a week teaching just to pay the bills.

- What's the best thing about being a travel writer?

I get letters from young people who've read my books and articles and enjoy my work. I just love that!

1 **As a teenager, Tim** A went on trips with his parents. B became interested in seeing the world. C spent too much time watching TV.	**2 What does Tim say about his trip to Europe?** A He didn't have time to see everything. B It was more fun than college. C It was not a great success.	**3 When Tim was 21, he couldn't** A travel as much as he wanted to. B decide what to write about. C sell many of his articles.
4 In the future, Tim thinks he might A do some extra work. B earn more from writing. C change his job.	**5 What does Tim like about being a travel writer?** A hearing from his fans B giving advice to people C meeting other young writers	

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