



Extra Training

Listening Task 1731

You will hear an interview with a travel writer.

For statements 1-7, choose the item that completes each statement correctly.

- 1. When Simon was younger, he ____**
 1. learnt to take pictures by himself.
 2. was encouraged to be a photographer by his father.
 3. didn't think about being a travel writer.
- 2. When Simon was at the newspaper, he ____**
 1. was soon given more responsibilities by his editor,
 2. worked only as a photographer.
 3. realised that he was a better writer than a photographer.
- 3. When Simon is struggling to begin a project, he ____**
 1. works on something else instead.
 2. works on a simple part of the text.
 3. starts writing anyway, without worrying about the quality.
- 4. The problem with a lot of modern travel writing is that ____**
 1. it is aimed at one type of reader.
 2. the storylines can be very predictable.
 3. there aren't many places left that haven't been written about.
- 5. In order to be successful, travel writers should ____**
 1. make use of all their contacts.
 2. make sure they follow the editor's instructions.
 3. give their articles a unique style.
- 6. Simon likes Seville so much because ____**
 1. it reminds him of his first story.
 2. it is close to home but still feels exotic.
 3. he likes the weather and the local culture.
- 7. Simon thinks that in the future ____**
 1. people will still read books, if the stories are good enough.
 2. people will only read the classics.
 3. most travel writing will definitely be posted on blogs.

