

LISTENING

- 1 BEFORE YOU LISTEN** Look at the photos. Do you take evening or vacation classes? Do you think the classes in the photos are interesting?



art class



Chinese class



acting class



- 2** Listen to two students talking about their vacation. Write *T* (Tim) and */* or *J* (Jane) next to the places they visited and the subjects they mention.

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| 1. Italy <input type="text"/> | 6. languages <input type="text"/> |
| 2. San Francisco <input type="text"/> | 7. Italian <input type="text"/> |
| 3. acting <input type="text"/> | 8. Portuguese <input type="text"/> |
| 4. art <input type="text"/> | 9. Chinese <input type="text"/> |
| 5. grandparents <input type="text"/> | |



- 3** Listen again. Answer the questions.

- What does Jane want to study this semester?
- Where do Tim's grandparents live?
- What did he also do when he visited them?
- What did he do at the end of his classes?
- What did Tim and Jane finally agree about the vacation?

READING

1 BEFORE YOU READ Look at the photos. What are the people doing?



The Monteverde Extremo zip line

ZIP-LINING IN COSTA RICA

If you're looking for an adventure vacation, this is it! In Costa Rica, there are zip lines over the rainforests. A zip line is a **cable**. Costa Rica has the longest zip line in Latin America, the Monteverde Extremo, which is 1,590 meters long. Parts of it are more than 400 meters above the ground, and there are 14 **platforms**. You stand on the platform, attach yourself to the cable, and fly down the zip line over the trees! There is also a Tarzan **swing**. You can hold onto a rope and swing over a **valley**. It looks really dangerous. I can't imagine doing something like this. I'm not very **athletic**.

My friend Amy called me about three months ago.

"Do you have any vacation plans this year?" she asked.

"No, I don't," I replied.

"OK, neither do I. But I have an idea."

I love Amy, but she's a problem. When she discovers something new, she wants to do it. And she wants me to do it with her. This year, she discovered zip-lining.

"I think we should go to Costa Rica," she said.

"I'm afraid of **heights**," I said.

"So am I," said Amy.

"I want to go to the beach on vacation and do nothing," I said.

"No, you don't," she said.

Now here we are in Costa Rica. Today we rode on the Monteverde Extremo and the Tarzan swing. They were really **frightening**, but a great thing to do! I recommend them to everyone.



The Tarzan swing



2 Read the article and match the answers with the right questions.

1. When did the writer get a call from Amy? _____
2. Was he enthusiastic about Amy's idea? _____
3. What was his alternative suggestion? _____
4. Describe the Monteverde Extremo. _____
5. In the end, how did he feel about the experience? _____

Answers

- a. It is the longest zip line in Latin America.
- b. No.
- c. It was frightening but great, and he recommends it to everyone.
- d. About three months ago.
- e. He wanted to go on a beach vacation