

LISTENING PART 4 – WORD BANK GAP FILL

Complete the interview using the words from the Word Bank.

Word Bank

environmental report rubbish responsible laboratory
greenery colour cope sleeping rehearse
safe frostbite layers tourists demand
worthwhile restless tremendous benefit desert

Interviewer

Hayley Jones has just returned from spending a year working in Antarctica. She's our guest on today's programme. Hayley, welcome to the programme. I suppose the first thing we all want to know is what you were doing for a whole year.

Hayley Jones

Well, I've always been interested in (1) _____ problems and the university where I teach paid for my trip. My job was to produce a (2) _____ at the end of my year. Although this may sound a little strange, the main thing I had to do was to look at (3) _____. I spent most of my time with a binman who was (4) _____ for making sure that everything brought into Antarctica is taken out again. I was based at Rothera, where most of the scientists are working, but I travelled around quite a lot looking at what is going on. In a way, Antarctica is like a (5) _____ for the world as all the research being done there will (6) _____ us all wherever we live.

Interviewer

Did you miss anything while you were there? A year is quite a long time.

Hayley Jones

To begin with, no, because it was so different and I found it really exciting. Then after a while, I began to miss (7) _____; there are only a few plants like moss clinging to the rocks, and I found the lack of (8) _____ affected me and that made me feel quite low. I also missed my family but I had

expected that would happen, and although I didn't worry about not seeing television, I certainly wished I could tune in to radio programmes.

Interviewer

Did the long hours of daylight affect you?

Hayley Jones

Well, I hadn't actually thought very much about that before I went. I'd wondered how I would (9) _____ with low temperatures but I discovered that because there's 24 hours of daylight I ended up (10) _____ a lot less and I didn't feel nearly as tired as I do when I'm at home. I must have worked twice as hard as a result. It was weird. Sometimes I forgot all about going to bed!

Interviewer

Good heavens! I can't begin to imagine what that must be like. What did you do to relax, then?

Hayley Jones

In Rothera, I was quite lucky because there are a lot of things to do. There's a ski slope just up the hill from the base, so I could ski whenever I wanted. There's also a rock band and I would go and listen to them (11) _____ in the evenings and there're plenty of places to walk to and it's perfectly (12) _____ to walk by yourself, which was a new experience for me after living in a large city. If I didn't want to be on my own, then I would go to the café bar and have a drink with whoever was there or watch a video film.

Interviewer

You mentioned low temperatures. How cold was it?

Hayley Jones

At times, extremely cold. Some days when the weather was calm it was only about minus 2, but if the wind picked up it could drop to minus 20 in a matter of minutes. I took care to dress properly to avoid (13) _____, which is easy to get, and that meant wearing lots of thin (14) _____ of clothing—

nothing too heavy—to trap the air and keep out the wind. A bit different from what I would wear for skiing.

Interviewer

Is it possible for people to go to Antarctica as tourists?

Hayley Jones

Well, getting to Antarctica is not easy for anyone, let alone (15) _____. But there are a few tours organised for those people who can afford to go because it's incredibly expensive, as you would expect. And I don't think the situation will change in the foreseeable future, as there's not a huge (16) _____ from the tourist industry to develop Antarctica.

Interviewer

Would you consider going back to work there again?

Hayley Jones

Not straight away. Towards the end I felt very cut off and if I'm honest I was beginning to feel fairly (17) _____. I'm glad I went because it was a (18) _____ experience and I wouldn't have missed it for the world. I certainly don't regret any part of it, but there's so much to see and do that I'd like to work somewhere completely different if I go away again—perhaps a (19) _____ next time, where it's extremely hot! It was a truly (20) _____ year.