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Read the text quickly. What do the people have in common?

- They are all experiencing life in another country.
- They have all had to escape from their country.
- They have all emigrated for economic reasons.

They've come a long way!

Kuru:
I come from a small Amazonian tribe in the Brazilian rainforest. One day, a film crew came to shoot a documentary. When they saw how interested I was in their equipment, they put me in touch with an NGO that runs training programmes for indigenous people. I got a grant to study English and technology in the US. With the knowledge I gain here, I can return home and help our tribe survive in the modern world.

So far, the experience has been amazing: the people, the cities, my studies! The hardest things for me to get used to are the cold weather in winter and all the greasy fast food.

Zainab:
I was terrified when my husband told me he had arranged for me to join him in the UK. I had never left our village, let alone Pakistan! When I arrived at Heathrow airport, he was waiting for me. We were nervous because we hadn't seen each other since he had left for England on his own.

Fortunately, I could speak some English, so I was able to help out at my husband's restaurant. I still find it difficult to live in such a wet climate, and without my family, but I'm getting there.

Eric:
Football is very important in my country, and the Cameroon national team is one of the best in Africa. So, like most kids, I used to play football in the street with my friends.

One day, a group of Spanish talent scouts came and watched us play. They must have liked what they saw, because they invited me to train in Spain. I couldn't believe it! I felt like my hero and compatriot, Samuel Eto'o, who had made it big in Barcelona. And thankfully, I'm not alone here. My elder brother is here too, to look after me.

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

WORD ZONE EXTRA

single-handed | alone | sole | lonely

1. In _____ sailing, there's only one crew member on board.
2. The boy was the _____ survivor of the tragic accident.
3. I sometimes like to stay home _____ - it helps me think.
4. My sister felt very _____ when she was away because she missed her friends and family.

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Read the texts and answer the questions about the people. Choose Kuru, Zainab or Eric.

1. Who plans to return home in the future?

   Kuru | Zainab | Eric

2. Who has an older sibling with them?

   Kuru | Zainab | Eric

3. Who was frightened about going to the new country?

   Kuru | Zainab | Eric

4. Who doesn't mention anything negative about life in the new country?

   Kuru | Zainab | Eric

5. Who was helped by a charity?

   Kuru | Zainab | Eric

6. Who wasn't discovered by anyone?

   Kuru | Zainab | Eric

Answer the questions.

1. Why did the film crew put Kuru in touch with the NGO?

2. What are Kuru's hopes for the future?

3. Why were Zainab and her husband nervous?

4. What are the hardest aspects of Zainab's life?

5. How was Eric discovered?

6. What is Eric's connection with Samuel Eto'o?

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