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Interview One

A: This is Nick Krakauer, and you're listening to World Reflections. We're talking today with Nancy Sullivan from Minneapolis in the United States. Hi, Nancy.

B: Hi, Nick.

A: So, Nancy, I understand you're a real traveler--that you've visited over 25 countries around the world.

B: That's right.

A: Tell us some of the places you've been to.

B: Well, I've been to countries all over . . . North and 1……., Europe, Asia . . .

A: What have been the most 2……. places for you to visit?

B: Hmmm . . . Well, I like visiting countries where the culture is really different from my own. That's what I find most 3……. Different body language, different foods , you know.

A: You told me earlier you've been to India. What was that like?

B: Oh, India is 4……...

A: And what was so different about it?

B: Well for one thing, when people say "yes," they shake their heads from side to side instead of up and down, like I do.

Interview Two [B = Australian English]

A: Nick Krakauer here, hosting World Reflections. Today's guest is Andrew Barlow from

Perth, Australia. G'day, mate!

B: G'day to you.

A: So Andrew, I understand you've been a teacher overseas, is that correct?

B: I have been, yes.

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A: And I understand you have an 5…… about something you ate once in one of those countries.

B: That's right.

A: Tell us about it.

B: Well, this happened when I got my first teaching job in a very small village. The people in the village wanted to thank me for coming, so they prepared a meal with a lot of really delicious dishes.

A: That must have been nice.

B: It was. But there was one thing that I thought was kind of, well, 6……. They had these tiny little fish that were still alive. They were moving on the plate.

A: Whoa!

B: Yeah. You're supposed to put one in your mouth and swallow it whole.

A: Oh, boy!

B: Look, I was their guest and I didn't want to be impolite, so I tried one. But I could feel it moving as it went down into my stomach. I tried a few, to be nice. But I just didn't know how to say, "Thanks, but no thanks," without being rude.

Interview Three [B= Japanese]

A: We're back on World Reflections. My next guest is Mieko Nakamura from Sendai, Japan. Welcome, Mieko.

B: Hi, Nick.

A: Mieko, I've been told that you've traveled a lot and you've done some unusual things.

B: I have.

A: That you especially like to do, well, things that would be kind of …7…….. for most people.

B: I guess that's true. But not scary to me. Just very …8…….

A: So tell us about what you've done.

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B: Well for one thing, I've gone swimming with sharks. Twice!

A: What?!

F: Swimming with sharks.

B: For real? And you didn't find that scary?

B: Well, I didn't do it alone. I was with a group. But swimming so close to the sharks was 9……...

A: And what else?

B: Last year I climbed Mount Everest.

A: The world's highest mountain?

B: Yes.

A: I'll bet it was really cold.

B: It was. But I was …10…… to be standing on the top of the world

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