

1 Are you interested in travelling to places off the beaten track? Why/Why not?

2 Read the anecdotes about travelling off the beaten track and choose the best alternatives.

# Experiences off the beaten track

## A Lowland adventure

An overnight bus ride from Buenos Aires, followed by <sup>1</sup>*five/five of the* hours in a jeep on a dirt road took us into <sup>2</sup>*some the/some of the* lowland Argentine swamps, the Iberá Wetlands. We'd read about this place in a dog-eared guidebook. There were capybaras, <sup>3</sup>*these/the* huge hamster-like creatures, roaming about. <sup>4</sup>*A few/A few of* wild monkeys came down to see what we were up to as well. There were <sup>5</sup>*hundreds of/hundreds* fireflies at night, which lit up the open fields like street lamps in a city. <sup>6</sup>*Almost all the/Almost the* animals we saw were completely unworried by humans. We boarded in <sup>7</sup>*rather of/rather a* basic room in a private house, but it only added to the authenticity of the whole experience.



## B A night in the open



It was <sup>8</sup>*quite a/quite* challenge, being a city dweller heading off to a remote outdoor camp. We did <sup>9</sup>*one of those/one those* experiences where you head into the forest and have to survive <sup>10</sup>*the next 24/the 24* hours solo. I think the idea was to get to know yourself better. We were allowed to take a few things, like matches, warm clothes and one small muesli bar. I had to construct a shelter out of large sticks and a mattress out of twigs and leaves. As it got dark, I settled in for <sup>11</sup>*one of the/one of those* longest nights of my life. I hardly slept at all, tossing and turning with every owl hoot and rustle. The next morning I was reunited with <sup>12</sup>*all the/all* other campers. It's funny that <sup>13</sup>*most of the/most the* people on that camp reported the night-out experience as the highlight of their trip, even though to me it felt <sup>14</sup>*exactly the/exactly* opposite at the time.