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Test unit 7

**1 Read the text and write short answers to the questions.**

**Volunteer work in Ecuador for school leavers**

Working as a volunteer in Ecuador is an amazing experience. You will live and work with like-minded people and discover new ways of life. Not only that, but you will be able to make a big difference to the lives of some of the poorest people in the world.

This is an ideal way to improve your Spanish and do some great volunteer work at the same time. You don't even need to have a prior knowledge of the language. There are special projects, like helping at a children's school, which include Spanish lessons for beginners in the afternoons.

For students who already have a basic knowledge of Spanish, there are different jobs to choose from, including possibly the most popular which is working in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest. You can help rescue and protect endangered wildlife that has been injured and return the animals back to the wild. In addition, you will also meet local people who live in the jungle and learn about their lives. You may even spend a few days living with them, experiencing a way of life which is so different from your own world.

You must be at least eighteen years old when you arrive in the country and have raised £1,500 for a three-week trip. There are experienced managers on each project, who speak excellent English. However, they will only do so if you have problems with the Spanish, otherwise they will speak Spanish all the time.

When you arrive, a supervisor will meet you at the airport, give you all the information you need for your stay and take you to your accommodation. This could be with a host family or in volunteer residences, depending on the project.

The supervisors are also there to help if you have any problems or if you become ill. And if you want to see more of the country, they can advise you on the best value trips to take. It's often better to go as a group in order to benefit from group discounts.

0 What can be an amazing experience?

**Working as a volunteer abroad.**

1 What sort of people will you work with?

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2 Who can your action help?

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3 What is unnecessary before you go?

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4 What's the most popular volunteer project?

.....  
5 Who will you meet in the jungle?

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6 What is the minimum age for volunteering on these projects?

.....  
7 When will the managers use English with you?

.....  
8 Who can advise you on what trips to take?

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## 2 Report the statements and questions.

0 'I finished the website yesterday.'

He said he had finished the website the day before.

1 'I'm working on a new design.'

She told me .....

2 'He sells T-shirts at a market.'

She told me .....

3 'Are you seeing Josh today?'

I asked him .....

4 'What did you do last week?'

He asked me .....

5 'You'll make a lot of money.'

She told me .....

6 'Are they flying to Spain tomorrow?'

He asked me .....

7 'I don't like these shoes.'

She said .....

## 3 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

although • although • despite (x2) • however •  
in spite • the other hand

0 **Although** he doesn't like playing tennis, he watches it on TV.

1 ..... not liking football, she goes to matches with her boyfriend.

2 ..... he loves his job, it gives him little time to relax.

3 I don't have much time....., I can spare you a few minutes.

4 We don't have much money. On ....., we are all healthy and that's more important.

5 ..... of being very young, she plays the piano amazingly well.

6 ..... the bad weather, they still managed to have a good time.

## 4 Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in capitals.

0 'Can you explain it to me, please?' **ASKED**

She asked me to explain it to her.

1 'I'm sorry I didn't help you,' he told me. **APOLOGISED**

He ..... me.

2 It wasn't a good idea not to lock our bikes. **SHOULD**  
We ..... our bikes.

3 In spite of being tired, I got up early. **ALTHOUGH**  
....., I got up early.

4 'Why don't you phone your friend?' he told me. **SUGGESTED**  
He ..... my friend.

5 Maybe he's on holiday. **COULD**  
..... on holiday.

6 He enjoyed his holiday although the weather was terrible. **DESPITE**  
He enjoyed his holiday .....

7 You didn't ask Mr Bower, and that was a bad idea. **OUGHT**  
You ..... Mr Bower.

8 'I won't do anything stupid,' she said. **PROMISED**  
She ..... anything stupid.

9 'Of course we'll help you,' they told us. **AGREED**  
They ..... us.

10 'Is it a good idea?' he asked me. **WHETHER**  
He asked me ..... a good idea.

### 5 Complete the conversation with sentences a-i.

A: Would you like to be famous?

B: <sup>0</sup> .....f.....

A: Would you? I think I'd love it.

B: <sup>1</sup> .....

A: That's not a problem. I love clothes and make-up.

B: <sup>2</sup> .....

A: That's OK. I haven't got anything to hide.

B: <sup>3</sup> .....

A: No, I'd never hate it.

B: <sup>4</sup> .....

A: Oh, I suppose it could be difficult if you're not well, but it's small price to pay  
for fame.

B: <sup>5</sup> .....

A: Of course I would. I'd never lose touch with them.

B: <sup>6</sup> .....

A: Yes, I could. I'd never give up my friends.

B: <sup>7</sup> .....

A: Well, no, but with phones and Skype we could still talk as much as we do.

B: <sup>8</sup> .....

A: I suppose you're right. But we could do it if we really wanted to.

- a) That's what you say now, but what if you felt unwell and yet you still had to smile and look good? It could be awful.
- b) You can't be serious. You have to look good all the time.
- c) Well, what about your friends? Would you still have the same friends you have now?
- d) But you'd never see them if you were away a lot.
- e) But you'd have so many new friends you couldn't keep all your old ones.
- f) ~~Well, no. It can't be much fun. I think I'd hate it.~~
- g) I think that you might come to hate it. It's no fun, really.
- h) But it wouldn't be easy, would it?
- i) And you'd have cameras following you everywhere. You'd have no privacy at all.