



4d Take a year off!

Reading

1 Read the web page and answer the questions.

1 What does the website offer?

2 What are the top three volunteer jobs?

VOLUNTEER WORK

*Do you need a break from your everyday work?*¹

Do you want to travel and live in other countries?

Do you want to take a year off between high school and college?

We have hundreds of volunteer jobs for your year off. This week, our **TOP THREE** volunteer jobs are:

1
2
3



Call 555-432-7543 now and ask for more information.

¹volunteer work (n) /'volən'tərɪwɜːk/ a job for no money

²orphan (n) /'ɔːrfən/ a child with no parents

³cub (n) /kʌb/ a very young lion

2 Work in pairs. Answer these questions.

- 1 Do people take a year off in your country? What do they do during that time?
- 2 Do you do any volunteer work near where you live?

Real life talking about abilities and interests

3 45 Work in pairs. Listen to someone call the number on the website in Exercise 1. Which volunteer job is she interested in?

4 45 Listen again. Look at the expressions for talking about abilities and interests and circle the expressions you hear.

► TALKING ABOUT ABILITIES AND INTERESTS

Are you good at **teaching**?

How well can you speak **English**?

Can you **teach**?

Do you like **animals**?

I can speak **English** well.

I can't **go** for eighteen months.

I'm (not very) good at **writing**.

I (don't) like **animals**.

I love **them**!

5 Pronunciation sentence stress

46 Listen to these sentences. Notice the stressed words. Then listen again and repeat.

- 1 Are you good at **writing**?
- 2 I'm **good** at **writing**.
- 3 Can you **teach**?
- 4 How **well** can you **teach**?
- 5 I **can't** speak **English** very **well**.
- 6 Do you **like** **animals**?
- 7 I **love** **animals**!

6 Write four questions using the expressions for talking about abilities and interests. Then work in pairs and ask and answer your questions.

7 Work in pairs. Look at the website in Exercise 1 again and practice this telephone conversation.

Student A: You work for the Volunteer Work company. Ask Student B about his or her abilities and interests.

Student B: You want to take a year off. Answer questions about your abilities and interests.