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.

[1]**volunteer work** (n) /ˌvɒlənˈtɪrwɜːk/ a job for no money
[2]**orphan** (n) /ˈɔːfən/ a child with no parents
[3]**cub** (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.

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