1.3 Reading and Vocabulary

A new life abroad

1 **Match the words below with the definitions.**

~~new arrival~~ explore face a challenge immigrant migrant miss population stereotype support translate

1 someone who comes to a place: *new arrival*
2 the number of people living in a particular area or country: _____
3 someone who enters a country to live there: _____
4 have to deal with a difficult situation: _____
5 change written or spoken words into another language: _____
6 travel around an area to find out more about it: _____
7 someone who moves to another area or country, especially in order to find work: _____
8 a belief about what a group of people or things are like, often not true: _____
9 feel sad because you don't have or can't do something you had or did before: _____
10 encouragement or help from other people: _____

2 **Read the article quickly and answer the question.**

Which countries are mentioned?

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3 **Read the article again and complete the sentences. Write no more than three words in each gap.**

1 Connor came to Andalusia because he wanted to travel far *away from home*.
2 In Spain, you can eat tapas in a _____.
3 People speak about _____ dialects of Spanish in Mexico.
4 In China, Connor worked as an _____.
5 For him, the best thing in China was the _____.
6 He disagrees when people say that Americans always _____.

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Travelling can be a challenge. We asked travel blogger Connor Jones about his experiences.

At the moment Connor is in Andalusia, a region in the south of Spain. It's famous for its beaches, festivals, flamenco and for its delicious tapas. A tapa is a snack that you can get in a bar or restaurant. Connor has come here because he wanted to travel far away from home. Another reason was to practise the Spanish he learned in Mexico last year, but the Spanish here is different from the Spanish in Mexico, as many arrivals from the USA quickly learn.

In Mexico, although Spanish is widely spoken, it varies a lot. There are about 350 local dialects. So understanding everything as he travels around Spain is one of the challenges he faces. However, people are very friendly to foreigners, so he gets a lot of support. The cost of living is also very cheap – he gets a meal in an average restaurant for around five euros.

You may wonder where he gets the money for his travels. The answer is easy: he works as an English teacher. 'My first teaching job was in China and it was a dream come true!' he says. He went to Shanghai and he thought everybody knew some English. But he was wrong and had to learn Chinese really fast. It's a difficult language and the Chinese letters, called characters, are quite complicated. And like in Mexico, there are different languages and dialects. His favourite thing about China, though, was the transport. Public transport in the main cities is good. It's also easy to explore different parts of the country and discover new places.

It's interesting for Connor to find out what people around the world think of Americans. One thing he doesn't like is the stereotypes about American people, mainly that they all eat junk food, which just isn't true. Connor always tries the local food when he visits a place. He thinks this is important.

I can understand an article about immigrants and the problems they face.

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