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Part 2

Presenter: Where did you stay on your summer cultural exchange programme?

Anna: I stayed with a host family in a small village just outside the city of Seville. Most people in the city live in apartments, but my host family lived in a big house. The family had a daughter who was my age called Carmen, so we had lots of fun together. We also visited Carmen's grandparents who live on a farm in the countryside. As I love animals, it was a really good experience for me.

Presenter: How wonderful! How long are exchange programmes usually?

Anna: Well, most of the language exchange programmes last for two weeks but the sports and music exchange programmes last for four weeks. If you go on a language exchange programme in August, you can go for three weeks because it's the school holidays. I went on a language exchange to Spain in July, so I could only stay for two weeks, unfortunately.

Presenter: Who can take part in the programme?

Anna: Well, there are some age requirements for the programme. You must be over the age of fourteen to take part in the language exchange programme and sixteen for the sports and music exchange programme. If you want to take part in the sports and music exchange programme, you have to be on a school sports team or play in the school orchestra. You can only take part in the language exchange programme if you study French or Spanish.

Presenter: I see – so would you recommend this programme to other students?

Anna: Yes, definitely. I had a great time staying with Carmen and her family. I felt a bit homesick when I first arrived, but they were so friendly and welcoming. Carmen spoke really good English, so I was worried that I wouldn't improve my Spanish, but I always tried to speak Spanish with her parents. My language skills have improved a little bit, but I think that it's better to stay for three weeks because you have more time to practise the language.

Presenter: The whole programme sounds really interesting, Anna – thank you for telling us about it.

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