

Audio script

Task 1. Listen again and complete the information about Josep and Rosie in the table. Eg.:

0 – Clean water

Josep: Hi, I'm Josep and I'm working on the Clean Water project in Costa Rica, in the Chirripo National Park. I'm working with thirty other volunteers for one month, and we're building a new water system so that the villages can have clean water. Right now, we're collecting some rubbish left by tourists who visit the area. We usually work six or seven hours every day, from 8 a.m. to around 2 p.m., then in the afternoon we rest. We are now living in tents in the village, and we bring water from the river every day – it's heavy to carry, and it isn't clean. The new water system can change that.

The Chirripo National Park is an amazing place. The local people have their own language, called Cabacar language. Only about 8,000 people in the world can speak Cabacar! I learn new words every day.

Rosie: Hi, I'm Rosie and I'm working on the Sea Turtle project in Mexico. I'm on the project for two weeks, and there are some amazing people here, people who know about sea turtles and why they are in danger. There are two scientists, a translator and three other volunteers. The work is interesting, but it doesn't start until late in the evening - we meet on the beach at 10 p.m. and finish at one o'clock in the morning. We walk along the sand and check the turtles and their eggs. The beach is ten kilometers long, so it's a good exercise, but when it rains and the sand gets wet, it's difficult to walk and it's difficult to find the eggs. But it's great to work with animals and it's fantastic to be on the beach. At the moment, I'm having lunch with some Mexican friends and they're teaching me Spanish.

Task 2. Listen to the radio programme and answer the questions. Eg.: 0 – C

Presenter: Today on Budget Travel we're talking about couch surfing, and in the studio we have Lucas Marks from www.CouchSurfing.com. So, Lucas, first of all ... what exactly is couch surfing?

Lucas: Well, if you're fed up with hotels, or you aren't anxious about staying with strangers, you can make a choice and go couch surfing. It's your ticket to explore the world and make new friends very cheaply. You can stay with people or invite people to stay with you for nothing!

Presenter: That sounds amazing. Is it really free?

Lucas: Yes, it is, although many couch surfers give people a small gift as a thank you or they do some housework, or make a meal.

Presenter: What type of people go couch surfing?

Lucas: There are over three million members, so all types of people really. Most of them are eighteen to twenty-four years old, but we also have members who are eighty years old. Some people are single and travel alone, others travel as a family. There are one French family who travel with their five children! And although many couch surfers are from the United States and Europe, we also have members in Asia, Australia and Antarctica - in over 230 countries, in fact.

Presenter: So, you can see the world very cheaply.

Lucas: Yes, but that's not the most important thing. It's all about meeting different people, learning about other cultures. Just look at the comments on our website. Mika from Australia writes: At the moment I'm staying with a family in Canada. They do a lot of outdoor sports and they're really keen on ice hockey. I'm doing my best to join in - It's a big part of their culture! Next week, I'm going to Alaska, I'm helping with a volunteer project at a national park.

Presenter: So people can do some good and work on local projects, too?

Lucas: Yes, you can do whatever you want to. Couch surfing makes a difference: it teaches people how to be better strangers and better friends - to understand and respect other cultures and not to try and change them. We're making the world a better place, one couch at a time!

Task 3. Listen to an interview with two Native American teenagers talking about their business, 'Catch a dream'. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Eg.: 0 – F

Presenter: ... started when they were eleven. So, Maka, tell us about your business.

Maka: we make and sell dreamcatchers.

Presenter: Dreamcatchers? What are they?

Maka: Well, Zebi and I are Native Americans, and our people, the Sioux, like to put a dreamcatcher above their bed at night so they don't have to worry about bad dreams. The dreamcatcher catches the good dreams in its net and sends them down to the person sleeping below. The bad dreams, the nightmares, pass through the net and don't worry the person who is sleeping.

Presenter: And how do you make them, Zebi?

Zebi: You have to have wood, string, ribbons and feathers. First, you make a circle with the wood. Then you make a net with the string and tie on ribbons and feathers. Each dreamcatcher takes about an hour to make.

Presenter: Sounds easy. Where do you make them?

Zebi: In the kitchen at home.

Presenter: And your parents don't mind?

Zebi: Well, we have some rules. We mustn't use the kitchen between six and eight in the evening, because that's when our parents are cooking supper. Oh, and we also have to leave the kitchen tidy when we've finished.

Presenter: And how do you sell your dreamcatchers?

Maka: We sometimes sell them at the market in town. We have to get up really early for that, but it's fun and lots of people buy them, especially tourists. But we don't have to go to the market to sell them because we have our own website, too, and we can also sell them on eBay.

Presenter: Maka, Zebi, thanks for talking to us, and good luck with your business in the future and I hope that you'll ...