

Activities

Chapters 1 and 2

Before you read

A. Look at the picture on page 5 and circle the correct answers.

1. Which word best describes the look on the young man's face?
a. angry b. happy c. scared
2. What do you think he is doing?
a. hiding b. playing a game c. waiting for his friends

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.

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1. On both sides of the river there is thick _____.
2. Your new sunglasses make you look very _____!
3. We came to a _____ in the forest and stopped for lunch.
4. In the mountains, my phone doesn't get any _____.

C. Listen to Track 3 on the CD and answer these questions.

1. Who was at the airport with Jim?
a. his mother and his girlfriend b. his uncle
2. Where did Jim's Uncle Simon live?
a. in Canada b. in a number of different countries
3. Whose brother was Uncle Simon?
a. Jim's mother's b. Jim's father's

After you read

COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

1. How long was Jim going to Guatemala for?
a. three days b. three weeks c. three months
2. How did Jim get from Guatemala City to Rio Dulce?
a. by taxi b. by bus c. by plane
3. When Jim arrived in Rio Dulce, how did he feel?
a. excited b. tired and hungry c. very scared
4. When he arrived in Rio Dulce, who did Jim want to ring?
a. Katie b. his uncle c. his mother

B. Circle T for true or F for false for these sentences.

1. Jim's uncle met him at the airport in Guatemala City. T / F
2. When first Jim saw Simon in Rio Dulce, Simon was angry. T / F
3. Jim and Simon travelled to Balam by motorbike. T / F
4. In Balam, Jim's mobile phone got a strong signal. T / F

C. Complete these sentences.

1. At the airport, Jim spoke to a woman from the _____.
2. The 'chicken buses' were old school buses from _____.
3. Jim changed Canadian dollars for Guatemalan _____.
4. Jim and Simon went up the river in a water _____.

D. Write short answers to these questions.

1. What did Jim and Simon have for dinner at Johnny's restaurant?

2. Who did Jim send an email to after having dinner in Rio Dulce?

3. What sound kept Jim awake on his first night in Balam?

4. What does the Mayan word *Balam* mean?

LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

A. Match the words that go together in Chapter 2.

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| 1. chicken | net |
| 2. black | stew |
| 3. mosquito | trees |
| 4. coconut | beans |

B. Write the past tense of these verbs from Chapters 1 and 2.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. ride: _____ | 3. write: _____ |
| 2. drive: _____ | 4. speak: _____ |

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Would you like to go and stay in a village like Balam? Why or why not?

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