

Audio scripts

Task 1

Speaker 1

I've been involved in an outdoor club for teenagers since I was 14, and it inspired me to become an activities leader for the group. To qualify, I had to walk with another member nine miles from one village to another in an area we didn't know, using only a map and a set of instructions. We didn't do it in the fastest time, but we didn't make any mistakes so we were proud of that.

Speaker 2

I'm really not adventurous at all. The idea of going on holiday somewhere where people don't speak English has always scared me! But last year I had to go on a business trip to India to show people there how to use a new computer system. To my surprise, I loved the place and now I volunteer for any work there. I've been three times now, and I'm planning a holiday there too!

Speaker 3

I've always wanted to drive across the desert areas of the USA, but I've never found someone interested in having a holiday like that. So last summer, I decided to go on holiday alone for the first time to have my dream trip. Before the trip, I was worried about being lonely, but I made an effort to speak to people in cafés and at tourist attractions, and made a few friends.

Speaker 4

My friend and I went to a big music festival last year. We wanted to stay in a hotel in the nearest town, but we didn't book rooms and all the hotels were full. We didn't want to go home, so we spent our hotel money on tents and camping equipment. It was great fun and made a welcome change!

Task 2

You will hear a group leader talking to some students who are going to visit an important athletics event in Birmingham.

For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space. You now have twenty seconds to look at Part 3.

[Pause]

Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

Teacher: Right everyone! Some important information about the three college trips before the end of June. Firstly, we're all going to Birmingham to see the International Athletics Championships. That's the only trip we've planned during March because I know that April is such a busy time for students. We're going on the 15th. For those of you who haven't heard of this event before, it's the largest single sports competition in Britain, so we're really pleased that we're going. A hundred and forty different national teams will take part, which means you'll see five hundred and twenty world-class sportsmen and women there, and you'll be amongst thousands of other fans. The stadium seats seventeen thousand!

We'll be leaving here early and we've decided to go by train this time and not hire a coach, because we got delayed in traffic jams when we went to Birmingham before. I hope everyone's pleased about that.

Next, someone asked me what to take. Firstly, what *not* to take! Leave your cameras behind because taking photos is forbidden, but you *must* have your identity card with you as we've bought a group ticket, and you may need to show it. Mobile phones are okay, but you'll have to turn them off during the event, so it's probably better not to take them.

If you want to read some more about the event on the Internet, go to Birmingham's website. Then look for the word 'Birinfo' in the page index, that's spelt B-I-R-I-N-F-O. You'll find all kinds of information about the Championships there.

As for our trip, I don't have the final details of journey times yet, but I will by this afternoon. So, I think I'll write an information sheet with answers to all your questions on it. You'll get copies of this on Friday, so you can read through everything over the weekend.

Right . . . the second trip will . . .

[Pause]

Now listen again.