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Внимание! Каждое задание прослушивается два раза. После первого прослушивания текста запись не останавливается. Между первым и вторым прослушиванием текста в каждом задании в записи сделана пауза 10 секунд. Между заданиями сделана пауза 20 секунд.

Task 1.

Speaker 1 The problem is finding the time to catch up with friends because we're all so busy nowadays. I work long hours, and then I've lots of stuff to do after work too. I make sure that I meet up with my closest friends for a coffee every week or so though – I'd much rather see them than spend ages texting them. For me, you need to be in the same place for a proper chat!

Speaker 2 I've had the same group of friends for years and years, but we don't have nearly enough time to meet up for a coffee or meals. So, what we try to do, at least a few times a year, is just get away from it all for a couple of days. We take it in turns to organize these weekends. They're great fun and it means we spend quality time together. It's much better all round!

Speaker 3 I've just moved to a new city and I really miss my old friends. I try to let them know what's going on in my life through Facebook, but not all of my friends use that. We have weekly phone calls and that means I can catch up on ALL the gossip – we couldn't do that with text messages!

Speaker 4 My friends are all over the place now, so it's hard to keep in touch with them all. But using Facebook or Twitter means that I can let them know, no matter where they are, what's going on in my life, and of course it works the other way round too. Unfortunately, we don't have many chances to meet up face-to-face for a coffee.

Speaker 5 Well, I send my friends texts every now and then – they're good for double-checking plans and arrangements, you know, at the last minute when you're out. I use email too. I actually spend ages writing emails but only to elderly relatives who live on the other side of the world, so I don't mind doing it. I love chatting on the phone too, but don't do that very often.

Task 2

Interviewer Hello, I'm Louisa Fielding and this is *Environmental Corner*. With me today is Rick, who volunteers for an environmental agency. Rick, welcome to the programme.

Rick Hi ... thanks very much.

Interviewer Now you've done some voluntary work for an environmental agency in Asia, haven't you?

Rick That's right. It was for a diving and marine conservation group in Thailand.

Interviewer So, what exactly is marine conservation?

Rick It's basically anything to do with things that live in the sea.

Interviewer How long did you spend in Thailand?

Rick Oh, it was quite a long time actually. Hmm ... let's see. I'd already decided to take a year off before going to university, but didn't want to spend the full 12 months working on the project ... I wanted to, er, you know do a bit of travelling too, and I had to work to earn some money as well. So, I spent about half my gap year there.

Interviewer What type of things did the volunteers on this project do when they were there?

Rick Most of us were involved in diving surveys where we helped to identify sea horses – there were so many different types. And that's what I was involved in. A few people worked with local fishermen – they looked at which kinds of fish they catch and taught them about keeping certain fish safe for the future. Others helped with cleaning up the beaches in the area, and they got local kids to help out with that.

Interviewer How many days a week did you have to work? It sounds like you were very busy.

Rick There was a work schedule each week so we know what was happening and when. The schedule varies, depending on the time of year, the weather, and the number of volunteers on the project. We normally worked five days a week and did some diving each day. We had two days to ourselves to relax, travel back to the mainland or get involved in some of the other activities that there were, like diving or boat trips.

Interviewer That sounds like fun! What were the living conditions like?

Rick Well, we shared wooden bungalows with other volunteers – 4 people to each one. The accommodation had electricity provided by a generator for a few hours in the evenings, and each bungalow had an attached bathroom with a bucket shower – basically that's just where you use buckets of water to wash yourself. The bungalows are just a few metres from the beach, so the sea views are amazing! Everyone ate together in the area that we all share. It had a kitchen and large dining area and had plenty of space to study or just enjoy the view and relax. The surrounding garden had an equipment room and in the evenings staff and volunteers went there to play cards or watch a DVD.

Interviewer Hmm ... not bad. So, do you need experience if you want to work on one of these projects?

Rick Obviously it would be a big help if you already knew something about marine biology, but no, volunteers don't need any previous experience. One of the

first things everyone is taught, is how to dive to the necessary level. There are lots of qualified instructors there. You'll actually leave Thailand with lots of experience under your belt – a few of the guys even learned how to do building work and you might even have the chance to study some tropical plants in the nearby jungle.

Interviewer It certainly sounds like a valuable way to spend your time, if you have that kind of time to spare of course.

Rick Oh definitely ... I'd recommend it to anyone with an interest in environmental issues and (... fade ...)

<p>Внимание! После остановки записи дается время (5 минут) для перенесения ответов в листы ответов.</p>
