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TASK 1

- Hi Lucy. Have you been shopping?
- Yeah... getting stuff for my room at college...
- What's it like?
- Well not large! There's a bed, a desk, but nowhere to put books. And there's only one big light in the ceiling. I'd prefer to have a lamp on my desk, so that's what I got today. If I've got enough money, I'll get some bookshelves next week. They had some lovely big cushions on special offer in the department store – I nearly got one today actually – so maybe the bookshelves can wait.

- Good morning. This is your captain speaking. I'd just like to apologise for the late departure of the flight. As you know, we had to wait for the runway to be cleared of snow before we could take off and get on our way. We'll arrive in Manchester in about an hour, and we're told the weather on the ground isn't good – there's heavy rain in the city, and we're expecting strong winds at the airport as we land, but we shouldn't be too far behind schedule. Thanks for your attention.

- Hello, I'm just ringing to book an activity at your leisure centre for the weekend. I was hoping to book a sailing lesson, but I understand from your website they're all full, so I'm wondering if there are any cycles available to hire instead – there's no information about those. I'd really like to join one of the group rides through the forest – I think I'd enjoy that more than the car racing I tried last time. Could you ring me back to confirm? Many thanks.

TASK 2

Hi everyone! Anita here. On today's programme I'm going to tell you about the week I've just spent in Cuba.

We arrived on Sunday, and on Monday morning we went on our first visit, this was the National Gardens. These are full of trees and flowers and there was a fantastic waterfall that everyone stopped to admire, although the rainforest exhibition was the bit I liked best.

On the second day we went on a trip in a sailing boat to swim with dolphins. We had a very exciting time – we had to wear special electronic armbands to keep off any sharks! No one saw any... fortunately!

We had the option of travelling to a river valley in the countryside west of Havana the following day; I felt a bit worried as the programme included crossing a range of hills by horse and I haven't ridden much. We met a noisy motorbike on the track, but I managed to stay on somehow!

On Thursday, there was a day's visit to the capital city: I loved the atmosphere of the shops and restaurants. We went to a theatre to see a musical in the afternoon – luckily not a serious play, which would be difficult for me, though my Spanish is improving.

On Friday, we went on a visit to a farm. I thought we were going to see coffee being grown, but in the end we went to a farm that produces sugar. It was OK though. We had lunch there. It was quite a celebration with guitars and delicious food.

Saturday was free for us to explore. I found a street full of jewellery workshops and bought a few rings to take back as presents for people back home. I was sorry later that I hadn't bought any of the beautiful leather belts back! Maybe next time.

TASK 3

– I'm talking to champion swimmer Vicky Prince, who started competitive swimming as a teenager. Why swimming, Vicky?

– Well, though my parents are interested in sport, they aren't great swimmers themselves, and we didn't go swimming that often. I learnt at school like everyone else, and just seemed to be good at it, so my teacher persuaded me to go in for competitions. I mean I did join a swimming club later, but that wasn't where it all started.

– Did you have to do lots of training?

– I did. I used to get up at five to go to the pool, which was a thirty-five-minute drive from our house, where I'd swim till eight. I'd have breakfast in the car while Mum was driving me to school. After classes, I did exercises in the school gym to build my strength, before lunch. Then later on, it was back to the pool for another three hours.

– So it was a hard training programme?

– Yes, it meant I couldn't go to things like parties because I had to get up so early, but I got used to that. Much harder was losing two of the friends I'd known since I was very young because I couldn't go out much. That was tough. I also missed school trips to France though I did get to go there later, so it didn't matter in the end.

– But you won a national competition?

– Yes, I was in the team that took first prize in the national finals. I always swam for enjoyment, so I was surprised to find myself holding up a cup! I hadn't swum that well in the semi-finals, so I guess the crowd were more interested in the other swimmers in my race. So that made it easier to do well. Of course, I'd trained hard too, but I always did.

– And now you're a coach, teaching other people.

– Yes, I've just done a qualification to be a coach, but passing on my own experience is how I can really help them. And because I've both won and lost in competitions, and recovered from that, it's something I can share with people. Winning isn't just about technique.

– And you've taken up long-distance swimming?

– Yes, just as a hobby. I mean I do want to maintain my fitness levels, but that wasn't the main reason for choosing it. And long-distance swimming in the sea isn't all fun – it can be hard work – but you do get to see some wonderful places, and that's what attracted me to it.