

Recording script M2: Finding a traveling companion

- Clive: Hello?
- Debbie: Hi, Clive, is that you?
- Clive: Yes, hi, Debbie.
- Debbie: Did you manage to see those candidates for our expedition?
- Clive: Yes, I did, and there was an extra one who was quite a surprise. You know, he hadn't applied and he just turned up out of the blue, so we haven't got any details for him.
- Debbie: Really? Tell me about him.
- Clive: OK, and you can take some notes. Then we'll see what we think.
- Debbie: Fine.
- Clive: First, he's called Sanjay Dubashi.
- Debbie: OK. Sanjay is spelled S-A-N-J-A-Y, right?
- Clive: Correct. And Dubashi is D-U-B-A-S-H-I.
- Debbie: D-U-B-A-S-H-I, fine, thanks, I'm just getting that down. And did you find out how old he is?
- Clive: Sure, he's round about our age, you know - well, a couple of years older, he's 27, quite a big man, quite muscular, impressive, with a big mustache.
- Debbie: And what does he do?
- Clive: Well, actually, he just says he's an office worker, you know, just one of those people with quite a routine job in an office
- Debbie: Mm, doesn't sound like he finds his job very interesting. Has he got any experience do you know, of going off to remote places on foot?

- Clive: Yes, he's been all over the place. He was telling me all about a trip he made in a Land Rover across Central Africa from one side to the other, which sounded pretty exciting. And dangerous.
- Debbie: Great! I think it would be really interesting to cross Central Africa. I'd love to do that. Anything physical? I mean, where he actually had to walk instead of driving - you know, being so muscular, as you say?
- Clive: Mm, I was coming to that. Last year, he went to Russia with some friends in their summer holidays and they went up a mountain. Let's see, um, Mount Elbrus, it's called.
- Debbie: Wow, now that's really quite something. By the way, Elbrus is spelled E-L-B-R-O-S, isn't it?
- Clive: Not quite, it's U-S.
- Debbie: Ah, OK... What qualifications does he have which would interest us? Has he done any sort of specialist training, for example?
- Clive: Well, he's done a course in first aid, which may be pretty useful. If any of us get injured, he should know what to do.
- Debbie: Good. It might be useful to have someone who knows how to do first aid in case someone has an accident. Can he swim?
- Clive: I didn't ask, now you mention it. I forgot. But he did tell me he can hold conversations in five languages. He's not fluent in all of them, but he can get by. He grew up in India, and I suppose that helps, you know, for learning languages, though now he lives over here.
- Debbie: Right. What else? Has he been to university, for instance?
- Clive: Yes, he graduated in media studies, though he says he's never worked in the media.
- Debbie: OK, and when he's not off on expeditions to remote places, what does he like doing in his spare time?

- Clive: He seems to do all sorts of things. One thing he told me which could be useful is that he likes fishing.
- Debbie: Yes, we'd better tell him to bring his fishing rod - that is, if we choose him.
- Clive: And he seems to spend a lot of time at the gym - he says he really likes to keep fit. And when you meet him, you'll believe it's true.
- Debbie: Great, another fitness fanatic, like you. Well, sounds like I should meet him, doesn't it? When can you fix that up?