

## PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5

**1** Match 1–4 with endings a)–d). Which of the facts about the Arica–La Paz railway are the most surprising?

- 1 The railway first opened
- 2 It is 440 km
- 3 Its highest point is at
- 4 It is now closed to passenger trains

- a) long.
- b) but may reopen soon.
- c) in May 1913.
- d) 4,257 metres above sea level.

**2A** Watch the DVD and number the photos in the order you see them.

**B** Where is each photo? Choose from the places in the box.

Arica the Andes La Paz



**A** \_\_\_\_\_



**B** \_\_\_\_\_



**C** \_\_\_\_\_

**3A** Work in pairs. What do the words/numbers refer to in the DVD?

- 1 twice \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 45 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 30 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 3½ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 6½ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 16.4 \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Watch the DVD again to check.

**4A** Match the words in the box to things they are used to describe. Then watch the DVD again to check.

difficult embarrassed heroic hot not easy  
relief terrible thin

- 1 how Michael Palin feels about his suitcases
- 2 the dinners
- 3 the air in the Andes
- 4 how simple things become in the Andes
- 5 how the passenger is feeling
- 6 getting to La Paz
- 7 what they feel when they arrive in La Paz
- 8 their vehicle

**B** Watch the DVD again to check.

**5A** EITHER choose a train journey you know OR choose one of the train journeys below and find out as much as you can about it. Use questions 1–3 to help you.

- Trans-Siberian Express
- Orient Express
- Glacier Express
- California Zephyr

- 1 Where does it start/finish?
- 2 How long is the journey?
- 3 What can you see and do?

**B** Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the train journey you chose. Which journey would you like to go on?

**A:** I chose the Orient Express.

**B:** Where does it start?

**A:** In London.