**Meg’s Journey- Travelling**

**Todd**: Hey, Meg. We are talking about traveling and visiting other countries. What countries have you traveled to?

**Meg**: I've been to quite a few different countries. For example, Spain, Belize and Indonesia.

**Todd**: Wow, three different ***continents***.

**Meg**: Yeah, pretty far apart.

**Todd**: Wow, that's cool. So Spain, that must be a really nice country. What did you think of Spain?

**Meg**: Spain is really beautiful. There's a lot of beautiful nature and also some nice cities. While I was there, I lived in a small city called Caceres.

**Todd**: Oh nice. Are the people really friendly in Spain?

**Meg**: Yes. Actually, the people are very friendly and very helpful, especially if you're lost.

**Todd**: Oh, that's great. I hear Spanish food is really, really good.

**Meg**: Spanish food is delicious. I lived with a Spanish family and my Spanish mom cooked delicious meals every day for lunch. In Spain, seafood is really popular. So I ate a lot of fish and shrimp.

**Todd**: Oh, I love fish and ***shrimp***.

**Meg**: Me too.

**Todd**: Now, Spain is really warm, right?

**Meg**: Yes. Spain was very hot while I was there during the summer.

**Todd**: Oh yeah? How hot? How hot does it get?

**Meg**: It got up past 40 Degrees ***Celsius*** during the summer.

**Todd**: Wow.

**Meg**: Yeah. It was pretty hot.

**Todd**: Does it rain?

**Meg**: It does rain. But when I was there in the summer, it didn't rain very often.

**Todd**: So what about Belize? Belize is a really small country.

**Meg**: Belize is very small, but it's also hot similar to Spain in the summer.

**Todd**: Why did you go to Belize?

**Meg**: I went to Belize on a study trip for school, and I stayed there for about two weeks.

**Todd**: Okay. Now, does Belize have good food?

**Meg**: Belize also has good food. There was a family that cooked for us and we had a lot of delicious almost Mexican type food.

**Todd**: Oh really? So for example, what do you eat? Like, what do people eat in Belize?

**Meg**: People eat – it's kind of like a taco but flat with a tortilla, and some meat and vegetables on top and some spices that make it really delicious.

**Todd**: So the last country is Indonesia. When did you go to Indonesia?

**Meg**: I actually went to Indonesia just last year.

**Todd**: Oh wow. How long did you stay?

**Meg**: I only stayed there for about a week.

**Todd**: Oh yeah? Oh, short trip.

**Meg**: Yeah, it was a short trip, but I was just visiting some friends there.

**Todd**: Where did you go?

**Meg**: I went to Jakarta and Bali.

**Todd**: Oh, okay. So I hear Bali has really beautiful beaches. Is it true?

**Meg**: Yeah, it's true. There are a lot of famous and beautiful beaches in Bali.

**Todd**: Oh, did you surf in Bali?

**Meg**: I've never surfed before. Usually, when I went to the beach, I just wanted to ***put my feet in the water***.

**Todd**: Oh yeah. Now, Bali also has very famous ***scenery*** on the inside like the rice fields. Did you see the rice fields of Bali?

**Meg**: No, I didn't see the rice fields. But I did go to some famous ***historical spots***.

**Todd**: So of the three countries – Spain, Belize and Indonesia – what country was your favorite?

**Meg**: Maybe Spain was my favorite because I love learning language and it was really nice to stay with my Spanish family.

**Todd**: Yeah. I could see that. I really want to go to Spain, and I hope to go soon.

**Meg**: I hope you can go too. It's beautiful.

**Phrases and Vocabulary**

**continents**

****Wow, three different ***continents***.

Continents are the world's largest groups of land mass , such as Australia and North America. Notice the following:

1. I've visited three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe.
2. Is Africa the biggest continent?

**shrimp**

****I love fish and ***shrimp***.

Shrimp is a type of seafood. The food shrimp comes from the tail of the sea creature also called shrimp. Notice the following:

1. I love to eat shrimp salad.
2. I do not like seafood, but I love shrimp.

**Celsius**

****It got up ***pas***t 40 Degrees ***Celsius***

Celsius is a unit to measure temperature that shows if the weather is hot or cold. Notice the following:

1. It is 33 degrees Celsius today.
2. Americans use Fahrenheit, not Celsius.

**put my feet in the water**

****I just wanted to put my feet in the water.

When you put your feet in the water, you put your legs in the pool, sea, river or ocean, but do not swim. Notice the following:

1. He cannot swim so he just puts his feet in the water.
2. I do not have a swimsuit, so I can only put my feet in the water.

**scenery**

****Bali also has very famous ***scenery***

Scenery is the natural landscape or view of an area such as a nature spot or city. Notice the following:

1. California has beautiful scenery.
2. On vacation we took in the scenery.

**historical spot**

****I did go to some famous ***historical spots***.

A historical spot is a famous place that has a connection to history. Notice the following:

1. European cities are old so they have many historical spots.
2. On vacation, we visited many historical spots like the Great Wall in China.

Vocabulary Quiz

**continent • shrimp • Celsius  
put my feet • scenery • historical**

Top of Form

1. China is on the Asian  .
2. It was cold, so I only  in the water.
3. The nature park has great  .
4. It is an old,  city.
5. It is ten degrees  today.
6. I do not like to eat fish, but I like

Bottom of Form

A*nswer these questions about the interview.*

1) In Spain she lived \_\_\_\_\_ . 

 a) with a host family  
 b) in a big city  
 c) alone

2) She was there during \_\_\_\_\_ . 

 a) the rainy season  
 b) the spring  
 c) the summer

3) She went to Belize for \_\_\_\_\_ . 

 a) vacation  
 b) work  
 c) school

4) She was in Indonesia for a \_\_\_\_\_ . 

 a) week  
 b) month  
 c) year

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