

Migrant experience

Westward bound? - A novel extract

Nr. 1 Thinking before reading

a)

Actually I've never been away from home more than two weeks especially not with my parents. But normally my parents are much more uncomfortable about me being "alone" away from home than I do. Until now I also haven't been in a different country without my parents.

Nr. 2 Comprehension

a)

- treat like a child
- unhappy
- little bit shocked (appearance)
- uncomfortable
- hungry
- incomprehensible
- queasy

b)

Vulk should bring the seasonal workers to there working place.

1.1

c)

I. 35: "Do you have a passport and papers?"

I. 41: "I keep them for you. There are many bad people in England that could steal them."

I. 64: "The little flower wants something to eat?"

I. 70: "No problem, little flower."

I. 76: "Food to eat in transit? Everything will be added on to your living expense."

I. 81: "Cost over cost: Food, transport and accommodation. Live in the West is too expensive little flower. Who do you think should pay for all that luxury?!"

I. 85: "Do you think all this will be provided for free?"

Nr. 3 Looking at the characters

a)

- thick
- yellowish
- ragged
- horrible
- unpretentious
- rude
- uncivil
- impolite

c)

2.1

She tries to be very polite especially if you are looking at the way Vulk is taking.
She does so because she wants to convince Vulk to give her something to eat (she is not uncivilised) and because she thinks that being rude is a "sign of minimum culture".

2.2

Nr. 4 What would you do?

a)

If I was working abroad, ...

- ... I would go to a western country in Europe, because the financial situation in these countries is very good and I could get a good medical supply.
- ... I would work in a company that would offer jobs that are rather mental than physical exhausting.
- ... I would also benefit from the fact that I would earn social skills and a lot of experience with different cultures, languages and getting along on my own.

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- 1.1 their!
Pay attention to the difference: there (location) vs. their (possessive pronoun)

- 2.1 not sure what your last sentence part means

- 2.2 Interesting thought. You're getting a lot of aspects right here. She uses a certain register but check the model solution to see that her motifs to speak this way aren't only about being polite or being given something to eat. It's rather the last point you mentioned. Check the solution for further elaboration.