Conversation ▶ Now You're Talking!

Sightseeing

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

postcard

/'poʊstka:rd/

a card, with a picture on one side, that is used for sending messages by post without an envelope

I'll send you a **postcard** when I get to Spain.

souvenir

/ su:və 'ni:r/

something you buy to remind yourself about a particular place, event, etc.

He brought us a lot of **souvenirs** from the United States.

incredible

/in krɛdəbəl/ very good, large, etc.

This picture is **incredible**!

broadcasting

/ˈbrɔːdˌkæstɪŋ/ the business of transmitting radio or television programs

My friend works for a **broadcasting** company.

sightseeing

the activity of visiting interesting places that tourists usually visit

Paris is a great place for sightseeing.

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Nina and Daisuke are in Tokyo for business.

Daisuke



Would you like to go sightseeing?

Nina



That sounds fun! Do you think there's still enough time?

Daisuke



Yes, there is. I know some good places nearby. Do you know the Tokyo Skytree?

Nina



Yeah, I've seen it on a postcard. It's the tallest tower in Tokyo, isn't it?

Daisuke



It sure is. And it's also the tallest broadcasting tower in the world. See? There it is, over there!

Nina



Wow, that's incredible! Do you have a camera? Can you take a picture of me?

Daisuke

Why not? That'll be a perfect souvenir!



Nina



Thanks. Where should I stand? Here?

Daisuke



Perfect! Now pose! Smile...1, 2, 3!

Takes a shot.

Nina



Thank you. Now let's go climb up the tower.

Check your understanding:

- 1. What did Daisuke ask Nina?
- 2. What is the Tokyo Skytree known for?
- 3. What will they do after the conversation?

Exercise 3

Listening Comprehension

Listen to your teacher read the text then choose the correct answers to the questions.

- 1. Where did Carol spend her weekend?
 - A. Carol went to Paris and Nice.
 - B. Carol spent her weekend in Madrid visiting her friend.

- 2. How did Carol spend part of her time while on holiday?
 - A. She went sightseeing around town.
 - B. Carol enjoyed her time with her friend the whole time.
- 3. What did Carol buy for her friends?
 - A. Carol bought some nice postcards for her friends.
 - B. She got some souvenirs for her friends.
- 4. Why did Carol send a postcard to Paul?
 - A. Because Paul is a postcard collector.
 - B. Carol sent him a postcard because she didn't want to spend money on him.

Exercise 4

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation

- You have just returned from a visit to a big city.
- Tell your teacher what famous sights you have seen.

Exercise 5

Discussion

- 1. Do you like sightseeing? Why or why not?
- 2. What places have you been to in your country?
- 3. Have you been sightseeing in a foreign country?
- 4. What was the most memorable place you've visited?
- 5. Do you always take pictures when you go sightseeing? Why or why not?