



INSTRUCTIONS: Listen to the following monologue and dialogue and fill in the blanks. Listen to each word or phrase 3 times maximum. The purpose here is to evaluate how many words you can understand in authentic speech. When you've corrected your mistakes, discuss the questions which follow.

Boy...tourism is really a big business these days. It's amazing. It involves _____, transportation, restaurants, shops, thousands _____ people. The tour companies _____ telling us what a _____ thing it is...about _____ much we can learn _____ people and customs, but _____ I wonder if this _____ really true.

Uh...a couple _____ I know went abroad, uh.... _____ summer. They traveled with _____ tour group. It's interesting _____ compare their experiences with _____ of the experiences of _____ people in the same _____ group. Uh...my friends, fortunately, _____ some....some acquaintances, or _____, actually, along the route _____ their tour. In some _____ the cities they were _____ they knew some of _____ ...they knew some local _____. Uh, so that when they _____ to different places, uh, they _____ go out with some _____ the local people and _____ could eat some of _____ local food and maybe _____ some of the local _____.

Uh, other members of the _____ group, however, never got _____ of the group at _____. Uh, they...they never went _____ and did a thing _____ their own. Uh, of course _____ tour company leaves it _____ much up to the _____ to do whatever they _____.

Uh, I understand why people _____ go out on their _____ because of language problems _____ being a little bit _____. But it seems to _____ that, uh, the more tourists _____ mix with local people, uh, _____ better off everyone is. _____ tour companies emphasized that, _____ really would learn about _____ people and other customs.

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DIALOGUE:

1. SHARON: Hey, you know, the hotel clerk told me about a great sushi restaurant.

Do you want to go out for dinner tonight?
2. BETTY: Oh, I'm really tired.

going anyplace tonight.
3. SHARON: But it's not very far.

4. CHUCK: Well, Betty,

I'm really hungry too. But I don't know about sushi. I, I heard there's aa McDon-
ald's or two McDonald's in Kyoto that I'd really like to try.
5. BETTY: Oh, Chuck, really!
6. SHARON: Chuck...
7. BETTY: You come all the way to Japan to eat hamburgers! You can get them anytime
at home.
8. CHUCK: But... but... but we... we could find out if they're, you know, the same qual-
ity and...
9. SHARON: Oh, of course they're going to be the same quality....
10. BETTY: Well, I really don't care.
11. SHARON: ...they're standardized, but...
12. CHUCK: But you don't know that they're standar-.....
13. SHARON: ...sushi is good for you.
14. CHUCK: But I'd much rather have hamburgers.
15. BETTY: Well, I'm sorry.

And I have to admit that raw fish just doesn't really appeal to me.
16. CHUCK: So, let's go and eat hamburgers at McDonald's.
17. SHARON: But raw fish is You don't have to eat raw fish. I mean you can eat....
18. BETTY: What do you mean?
19. SHARON: Well, there's a kind...
20. BETTY: That's all that comes in sushi.
21. SHARON: Nooo!

- ... using a k- ... kind of fish that's broiled. th
22. CHUCK: But, Sharon, you know Betty has a sensitive stomach.
23. SHARON: But I really don't think McDonald's hamburgers are the solution.
24. CHUCK: Of course, she's used to that kind of food.
25. BETTY: Why don't you folks go out and

I just want to go home and go to bed. ?
26. CHUCK: Let's go out ...
27. SHARON: Oh, no.
28. CHUCK: Sharon, you and I can go out, and

How's that?

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29. SHARON: But I don't....
30. BETTY: I...
31. SHARON:think we should eat hamburgers. I really think it's...the experience of coming to Japan should include eating Japanese food.
32. BETTY: Well, I agree with you, Sharon.
33. CHUCK: Let's make a deal. Tonight...
34. BETTY: I know what. Listen, there's a ...
35. CHUCK:tonight, hamburgers.
36. BETTY:real nice Japanese restaurant

Why don't we just go down there and have a bite to eat?

29. SHARON: The hotel ...
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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What's the best (or worst) vacation you've ever had?
2. How often do you take a trip? Do you try to combine business with pleasure on business trips?
3. Do you prefer long vacations or short getaways?
4. Which is better: a package tour or a tour you organize and book yourself?
5. What are some of the advantages of traveling in a group? Alone?
6. Which do you prefer: a relaxing vacation or an active one? Why?
7. Is it best to get to know your own country before you travel to more exotic places?
8. What is the difference between a "traveler" and a "tourist"? How would you describe yourself (think about your last vacation)?
9. Do you agree with the statement that short trips to foreign countries only confirm our prejudices and/or stereotypes and that you really have to live in a place for a long time to appreciate it? How open-minded are you when you travel?
10. How important to you is the food, service, and atmosphere of a restaurant when traveling? Do you always bring a travel guide along with you when you visit foreign countries (or your own!) so that you don't make a mistake when choosing a restaurant? What are your criteria when choosing a place to eat? Do you try the local food?
11. Do you agree with the saying, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do"?