

Listening Comprehension Questions

Listen to Episode 6 of Into the Story Podcast: Alexia's Story. Then complete these questions.



1. Which words best describe Alexia's media job in South Africa?

- a) interesting and dynamic but tiring
- b) dynamic and fun but challenging
- c) glamorous and social but demanding
- d) challenging and stressful but rewarding

2. Why was Alexia attracted to the option of English teaching overseas?

- a) to travel and earn a living at the same time
- b) to visit unexpected places
- c) to allow her to explore English speaking countries
- c) an excuse to leave her current job

3. What was most attractive about going to Thailand for Alexia?

- a) there were English teaching opportunities there
- b) she wanted to travel to South East Asia
- c) she had never been there before
- d) Thailand seemed like a peaceful place where she could go and heal

4. What was Alexia's first impression when she arrived in Thailand?

- a) the heaviness of her bags
- b) the intense tropical climate
- c) that she was crazy to do this
- d) the shock of being so far from home

5. Alexia says she needed to learn a new culture and language. What expression does she use to say this?

- a) rewire her brain
- b) start from zero
- c) learn how to wai (a Thai greeting)
- d) to start over

6. What behaviour did Alexia NOT learn to avoid in Buddhist culture?

- a) avoid showing people the bottom of your feet
- b) avoid shaking hands with people
- c) avoid touching the top of people's heads
- d) being more thoughtful of other people and the community

7. What does Alexia mean when she says 'it wasn't all rainbows and butterflies'?

- a) that there were many insects in Thailand
- b) that life in Thailand was at times challenging
- c) that it was very humid in Thailand
- d) that life wasn't as colourful as she expected

8. Why is Alexia interested in doing more writing and poetry now?

- a) she wants to continue pushing herself outside of her comfort zone
- b) she feels like English teaching is not for her
- c) to avoid working in a normal job
- d) it's something she is comfortable and passionate about doing