



Unit 26 Working abroad

Task 01

Announcer: Are you ready for a work placement abroad? Listen to Linda helping Robert to find out.

Linda: Are you ready to go on a work placement abroad?

Robert: How do I know if I am ready?

Linda: Let me ask you a few questions. If you answer three or more with yes, then you're ready. If you answer seven or more with no, you might consider befriending somebody from another country, first.

Linda: Do you have maps on the walls instead of posters of boy bands or athletes?

Robert: Yes, of course! What do you take me for? ... I do have a huge map of the world.

Linda: Is English your favourite subject?

Robert: Yes, English is definitely my favourite subject. I've improved immensely and I'm always so happy when I can use it.

Linda: Do you like change?

Robert: Hmm. Let me think: I always wear skinny jeans with T-shirts. I've had my hair in the same long style forever. So I guess the answer is no.

Linda: Do you hate monotony or routine?

Robert: No, I don't. I like that my day at work follows the same pattern. I know what to do and what I'll have to do next.

Linda: Have you ever thought about different cultures?

Robert: Yes, I have. It interests me how people live in other countries ... what's important to them ... and what's not.

Linda: Do you constantly hash-tag (#) wanderlust?

Robert: No, I don't. It sounds German. Do you use that in English?

Linda: Yes, you do. It means a strong desire to travel.

Robert: Oh, I didn't know that.

Linda: When you take small trips or travel, do you wish you could learn more about daily life there?

Robert: Yes. Every time I travel I buy a guide book ... and I read everything about the place and its people.



Linda: Do you enjoy trying new foods?

Robert: Yes. I love cooking, so when I travel I like trying local food, then I search for the recipe online and cook the dishes at home for my family.

Linda: Are you friends with somebody from another country?

Robert: No, unfortunately not yet ... but I hope that'll change.

Linda: Now let's count your yes-answers and see if you're ready ...