

▶ Reading 1 P

1 Look at the photos of two countries where Josh volunteered on his gap year. Tick (✓) the countries that they show.

- a ☐ Brazil c ☐ India e ☐ Peru
b ☐ Greece d ☐ Italy f ☐ Thailand

Now read the text and check your answers.

A round-the-world trip



People say that travel broadens the mind, that it makes you tolerant. When we travel, we meet people who think differently, do things differently and so we learn that there are alternatives to our own attitudes and behaviour. At least that's the theory, but is it true?

Josh (18) thinks it is. Last year, he set off round the world with his friends Tim and Kieran. They were taking a gap year between school and university, as a lot of young Britons do. They bought a one way round-the-world ticket with stops in six countries (Italy, Greece, India, Thailand, Peru and Brazil). They decided before they left they didn't want to just be tourists for the whole trip, so they volunteered for a few weeks in India and Peru. In India, they worked in an orphanage in Goa, where they taught Maths in the morning and played football with the children after school. While they were there they learned about local customs and were shown how to make curry by their Indian colleagues.

In Peru, they decided to do something completely different. They helped to build a community centre in a village with volunteers from all over the world. They didn't know much about building before they arrived in Peru, but they were given training and by the end of their six week stay they were happy laying bricks and painting windows and doors. The boys were also very enthusiastic about their experiences. 'Our eyes have been opened to how people live in other parts of the world. I think in future we'll look at our own problems in a different way,' says Josh. 'I'm going to look for other volunteering opportunities in future. It's a great way to see the world.'



2 Read the text again and decide if the statements are correct or incorrect. Tick (✓) A or B.

- 1 It's a fact that travel makes you tolerant.
- 2 Josh travelled by himself.
- 3 Gap years are popular with British teenagers.
- 4 Josh travelled to six countries.
- 5 In India, he worked with orphans.
- 6 He taught children to play football.
- 7 The boys already knew how to build.
- 8 He spent over a month building the community centre.
- 9 He learned a lot about life in other countries.
- 10 Josh wouldn't like to volunteer again.

A Correct B Incorrect

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