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Listening 1

I'm Carrie and I love to travel to different countries. People often ask me which is my favorite country. It's difficult to say because every country is different and they all have good things and bad things. Or things that I like and things that I don't like.

I am a photographer, and so sometimes I travel to a country because I need to take photos of nature or of the people for my job. Sometimes I need a break from work, so I travel to a country because I want to relax on the beach.

One country that I like a lot is South Africa. I went to South Africa for the first time last year and I had no idea that it was such a beautiful country. I went in December, which is summer time in South Africa.

I live in Argentina and so the flight was a very long one. It was ten hours. But when I arrived in South Africa, I was very happy because the skies were blue and the weather was very nice. I was there for three weeks and I did lots of exciting things. One day I went on a boat on a river, and another day I went to Table Mountain, which is a very tall mountain. I took a train trip from Pretoria to Wellington and I saw rivers, valleys and mountains from my train window. It was an exciting trip.

Next year I'm going to go back to South Africa for my second visit!

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Listening 2

Azami: Hi there. Is this your first day here at this college?

Joe: Hi there. Yes, this is my first day. My name's Joe.

Azami: Hi Joe. Nice to meet you. My name's Azami, and today is my first day too. I don't know anybody here.

Joe: Azami. That's a nice name. How do you spell it?

Azami: A-Z-A-M-I. It's a Japanese name.

Joe: OK, cool. So, you're Japanese.

Azami: Well, my mother and father are Japanese, but I was born here.

Joe: So you're from Chicago?

Azami: Well just outside of Chicago. How about you?

Joe: I'm from L.A.

Azami: Los Angeles, really? And what are you studying?

Joe: I'm studying music.

Azami: Oh, wow! I'd love to study music but my parents wanted me to study languages. I speak four languages.

Joe: Really? I only speak one! But I love music and I play the guitar and the piano.

Azami: You're lucky. I can't play any instruments but I can read music because I studied music in high school. So you're from LA... where do you live here?

Joe: I'm in a student apartment over there.

Azami: Is it OK?

Joe: Yes, it's not bad. I have a bedroom, which is small and my own bathroom. I have a big window with a view of the garden.

Azami: Cool. I live with my parents and my sister.

Joe: Great. Hey, are you hungry? Do you want to get a snack and a drink?

Azami: Yes, that sounds good.

