

EVOLVE LEVEL 2, Audioscript for Baseline test A

LISTENING 1

Presenter: Thank you for coming to this presentation about South America. Did you know that there are 12 countries in South America and more than 385 million people living on this continent? So, the largest country is Brazil and the largest city is Sao Paolo. Can you guess what the second longest river in the world is?

Audience (all): The Amazon... The Nile... The Thames.... The Mississippi...

Presenter: One of you was correct - it is the Amazon! It's the longest river in South America and it carries a lot of water every day. Ok, so we know about the biggest city and the longest river, but what about the highest mountain in South America?

Audience 1: Everest, but that's not in South America. I don't know... I give up.

Presenter: So, many of you won't be surprised to learn that it is the Aconcagua in the Andes mountains. I remember going there when I was a boy. It is awesome! Now, what about the biggest lake? This is easy!

Audience 2: I think it is Lake Titicaca..., yes it's Lake Titicaca.

Presenter: That's right. It's Lake Titicaca! But in which South American country is the lake?

Audience 3: Peru? No... Brazil!

Presenter: Nope, not Brazil. You were right the first time. It's Bolivia and Peru that share the lake. I've been there about three times and it is just awesome!

You should all go! And finally, what do you think is the most popular tourist attraction on this continent?

Audience 1: Macchu Picchu.

Presenter: Your general knowledge is fantastic – yes, it's Macchu Picchu which is in Peru of course. Well done everyone. See you next week for a fantastic...
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LISTENING 2

Maria: Hey Grandpa, how are you?

Grandpa: Hi, Maria. It's great to see you again! You haven't been to see me for weeks!

Maria: You're right, I'm sorry. I was away with some of my friends on a trip last week. We went camping at the Piedras Encimadas in Puebla. You lent me your camping equipment, remember? The tent and things for cooking.

Grandpa: Ah yes. How was it?

Maria: Yeah it was great. The park was beautiful, and we saw the famous rocks and valleys. Look, this is a selfie of me in front of the rocks!

Grandpa: Wow! Those rocks are huge! You look good. [laughs] And what was the weather like? Was it good?

Maria: No, it wasn't. That photo was the only day we had some sun. It was pretty cold and sometimes it rained. At night it was freezing, so we needed to wear sweatshirts in bed.

Grandpa: Did you cook or were there restaurants in the park?

Maria: We cooked on a fire on Friday night, but on Saturday we went to one of the local restaurants. We ate and drank some typical food and drink. There was a band playing and we danced all night. Can you dance, Grandpa?

Grandpa: Oh no, not now. But when I was a young man, I danced a lot. I was a champion!

Maria: You should teach me one day! It sounds fun.

Grandpa: Ah, that would be great. Now, are you thirsty? Hungry? Do you want my special chocolate drink and some cookies?

Maria: Yeah. Cool, Grandpa. I should visit more often!