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Presenter: Welcome to 'Vacation phone-in'. Summer will soon be here and you are probably already thinking about where to go this year. Well, we are here to help you make the best choice for your vacation. Our first caller today is Nelly. Welcome Nelly. Now what's your question?

Nelly: Hi. I'm a single mother and I have a 17-year-old teenage son. I'm just not sure where to choose for our vacation this year. Jake, my son wants to go backpacking, but I prefer something more organized. You know, with a tour guide so we can see interesting sights. Two years ago, we went to Cabo but it wasn't a great success. We stayed in a nice hotel which I loved, but there weren't many teenagers, it was mainly couples, and so he was really bored. He spent all day online, checking his messages! We haven't been on vacation since then.

Presenter: Thank you Nelly. Now we have Simon on the line. Hello Simon.

Simon: Last year my wife and I took our teenage children to Pucón, in Chile. They loved it. There are some amazing views of the snowy mountains and the kids spent a lot of time on the lake swimming and kayaking. We took backpacks with us and we did a lot of walking in the hills. There are tour guides in the area but we just bought a guide book and decided on the routes ourselves. If you like the outdoors, I think Pucón would be a good choice and you can use a tour guide if you prefer.

Presenter: Thank you Simon. Now we have Carmen on the line. Hello Carmen.

Carmen: I'd suggest going on vacation with other people. If you go online and do a search for vacations for groups or small families, you'll find there are a lot of possibilities. Your son will probably meet other kids his age, and you may also make friends with the parents. I don't think that the destination is so important, the most important thing is spending time with people that you like and who have similar interests.

LISTENING 2

Vinny: Hi Kate. What's wrong?

Kate: Hi Vinny. I need to make my own vlog for this college project. I tried this morning, but it was terrible. I felt like I was on a stage all the time, and I felt too stressed... and well, it's awful! I don't think I'll ever do that again!

Vinny: What was it like when you'd finished?

Kate: It was terrible!

Vinny: What was it about?

Kate: I wanted to do a vlog on cooking. I love cooking, you know I do. Just recently I've made some delicious meals and the ideas are all mine. So, I wanted to do a vlog about this.

Vinny: Sure.

Kate: But it wasn't a good idea. I wanted to make some noodles with this spicy sauce I make from chili and tomatoes.

Vinny: Sounds good.

Kate: Yes, but just wait... I boiled the noodles for too long and so they were too soft, then I cut my finger when I was cutting the chili.

Vinny: Oh no, it sounds dangerous. Ha ha. But did the vlog look OK? What was the sound like?

Kate: Not really. The sound of the cooking was louder than my voice.

Vinny: That's because you have to use a microphone. The camera has a microphone but if you use a separate one, an external microphone, then the sound is better. And the picture. How was the picture?

Kate: Well... I decided to wear some long earrings. You know those long purple ones that my mom gave me? But that was a bad choice because one of them fell into the noodles! Also the picture wasn't very clear. It was a bit foggy, you know difficult to see. I think I need a photographer.

Vinny: A photographer? It sounds more like a reality show. I think you need a producer.