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- Speaker 1: My favorite restaurant is La Rampa. It's such a casual place to eat. The tables are wooden, and they have some great paintings on the walls. In the summer you can eat outside on a large patio area with great views of the mountains nearby. In the winter it's a great place to relax. And they have a big fireplace. The food is simple, and most of it is cooked on an open barbecue. It's basically steaks or salmon with salad or roasted vegetables. If you go on the weekend or in summer, you should make a reservation, because it gets really full. The only problem is that it's difficult to park outside the restaurant, and there's no public transportation to get there. But it's worth the effort to go.
- Speaker 2: I've always loved Japanese food, and so when I found out about Shibuya, I was so, so happy. Shibuya is a mixture of Japanese and western food. All the dishes are so tasty and really creative. It's a very small restaurant, and the atmosphere feels personal, so it's a nice place for special occasions. Shibuya doesn't have any outside space. It's worth calling to make a reservation before you go. Not great for groups, because the tables are all pretty small.
- Speaker 3: I'm a vegetarian and my boyfriend is vegan. Our favorite restaurant is called Earth. We found it recently, and I think it's a new restaurant. The design is very simple, all whites and greens, with a lot of plants. It's like you're sitting outside in a forest. The food is delicious. It's all very fresh and locally produced.

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Presenter: Summer vacation is coming soon. Those of you who have teenagers may be asking yourself the question, "What are they going to do over the weeks ahead?" Here now is Maria, who might have some ideas. Good morning, Maria.

Maria: Good morning, Alan. I myself am a mother of three teenagers, so this is a problem I'm familiar with. We've all tried summer camps, which are great, but what else can we do?

If you look online you can find some great offers on adventure sports vacations. If you like water activities, you can go white water rafting. This is for kids 11 years and older. It's a very exciting activity, but you do need some real strength to move against the strong river current. Also, your kids should be strong swimmers. If you want something gentler, there is flatwater kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding. Both are done individually and on calm rivers, so everyone can go at their own speed.

Presenter: What about for teenagers who don't like water sports?

Maria: For outdoor adventures, there's zip-lining, which is very exciting. Or mountain biking and rock climbing.

Presenter: Mountain biking isn't a **new** sport, though, is it?

Maria: No, it isn't, but it's a sport that is gaining popularity with teenagers and as a family sport, with both electric bikes and non-electric bikes. Also, there are lots of adventure holidays available all over the world that include mountain biking.

Presenter: Great. So, something to look out for.

Maria: The thing you should do is to shop around, look at lots of different vacations on sale, read the reviews and talk to people. Also, adventure sports can be dangerous, so the companies should have all the necessary safety requirements.

Presenter: Thanks very much, Maria. Information about these summer adventures are on our website. Happy vacation!