

Mid term test 2B LISTENING 1

Luis: Hey Penny, what are you going to do this summer? Do you have any plans?

Penny: Yeah, we're going to Vancouver.

Luis: Really? Have you been there before?

Penny: Yes, a few times because I've got cousins there. We haven't been for three years, so it's gonna be great to catch up with them again. Have you ever been to Vancouver?

Luis: No, I haven't, but it sounds like a cool city. What's it like?

Penny: It's very laid-back, and it feels kind of European. What about you? Do you have plans?

Luis: Well, I'm going to travel with Maria and Alicia. We're going to Indonesia this year.

Penny: That's great! Are you going on an organized trip?

Luis: No, we've planned this trip on our own. We're just going to different places in Indonesia. It's been a lot of work planning for it and booking flights. There's just so much to do there and so many possible destinations.

Penny: Wouldn't it have been easier to book with a travel company?

Luis: Yeah, I guess so. But more expensive.

Penny: Oh, I see. So, what's your plan?

Luis: First, we're going to spend four days in Yogyakarta.

Penny: That sounds familiar. Is that the capital?

Luis: No, that's Jakarta. Yogyakarta is known for its temples. Then we're going to Jepara, and we'll get a boat to Karimunjawa.

Penny: Is that an island?

Luis: Yes, it's part of a group of islands. A lot of them are uninhabited but Karimunjawa obviously is. It looks amazing. Apparently there's no electricity during the day!

Penny: Oh, wow! That sounds like a real adventure.

Luis: Then we go to Ubud in Bali. We'll spend a few days just relaxing in Ubud and visit the monkey temple.

Penny: That sounds terrific, Luis. I'm jealous!

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Interviewer: Hi, Lana. How are you?

Lana: I'm fine, thanks. Welcome to my little home.

Interviewer: This is really amazing. How long have you lived on this houseboat?

Lana: Next month it will be two years. Time has gone by so quickly, though. I've loved every minute of living here.

Interviewer: I can imagine. This is a great place to live. So tell me, why? What made you decide to live here?

Lana: Well, I went to Europe on vacation, and I stayed with a friend who has a houseboat in Amsterdam. I just loved the experience. It was at a time I had been trying to buy my own place here for several months but everything was so expensive, even rent. It was frustrating.

Interviewer: And you decided to do what your friend did.

Lana: Yes, but it wasn't quite the same. When I got back here to Texas, I started looking into properties, and I found out about this little houseboat neighborhood on Lake Thomas.

Interviewer: And you bought one of the boats?

Lana: I bought this boat, but at the time it was in very bad shape. My father lent me some money to fix it up. We put in the kitchen and the bathroom.

Interviewer: Yes, I can see that you have everything here that an apartment would have. Is it much cheaper than an apartment?

Lana: Well, I pay slip fees, which is a payment to the marina for the electricity, trash collection, fuel, and fresh water. I also have to pay insurance, as does everybody who has a house. It sounds like a lot, but, yes, it is cheaper than rent or a house payment.

Interviewer: Do you know your neighbors? Do you have friends here?

Lana: Oh, yes. We're a little community, and we all get along well together. It's a lot of fun!

