



6. TASK IDENTIFIER

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| TITLE | How to travel cheaply |
| NUMBER OF WORDS | 579 |
| READING BEHAVIOUR | Careful reading |
| GENERAL FOCUS | Reading for main ideas and supporting details |
| CEFR LEVEL | B2 |
| TEST METHOD | Multiple Matching |
| NUMBER OF ITEMS | 10 |



How to Travel Cheaply

Read the text about travelling on a low budget.

Parts of the text have been removed.

Choose the correct part (A-M) for each gap (1-10).

There are two extra parts that you should not use.

The first one (0) has been done for you.

Alex Boyland, who won CBS's *The Amazing Race 2*, knows how to push the bounds of budget travel. Alex's latest project is *Around the World for Free*.

For half of the year, he and a video producer (0) _____, reporting in for regular live appearances on the CBS Early Show. Viewers were told to visit the website AroundTheWorldForFree.com and tell Alex where he should travel next. The goal was for him to rely on the kindness of strangers and (Q1) _____.

Now Alex and his team have edited the video shot during the journey through 16 countries- from the rural parts of the Dominican Republic through the backstreets of Calcutta to Kenya during political unrest. The resulting TV series will air on WGN America, starting in January.

I recently spoke with Alex about what he and his producer Zsolt Luka (Q2) _____, plus his advice for budget travelers. Here's what he had to say:

Money can be a crutch that prevents you from a profound experience. While what I was doing was unusual, the same rule applies to everyone. When you're traveling cheaply, you're (Q3) _____ and really put yourself out there emotionally day after day, and that's the truly broadening part of travel.

To find out where's the best restaurant or the liveliest bar, (Q4) _____. It's a cliché but it's true. It's the critical piece here, but when you're traveling, don't ask the hotel porter and don't ask the leader of your walking tour or the information desk for the tourist office. During my trip, I would be asking someone - like the lady behind the counter making the tacos - "where do you go for dinner" or "where do you go for fun." She didn't know who I was and there was no camera equipment around or anything unusual about me. I was just a 30-year old from out of town. And she gave me great advice. Locals will just naturally (Q5) _____ and culture.

On our trip taping this show, we walked from Thailand to Cambodia, walking down dusty roads. A monk with broken English (Q6) _____. It was spontaneous generosity. When we were in the Maasai Mara in Kenya and Tanzania, we met with a guy named Freddie where we were staying. He says, "my boss has this campground in the park that you should check out." We agreed. He drove us there, and we passed through a Maasai warrior camp, with young guys carrying spears. It (Q7) _____. We'd never see it on typical travel TV documentary or on a trip taken in a group with a tour guide.



The world (Q8) _____ than many Americans realize. Media reports always play up the scary part. We went on this journey with a mindset that the world is a good place. We didn't seek outside security help of any kind. We (Q9) _____ we met to guide us about where to be safe, and when to scam. By making friends with them, they helped direct us. For example, when we were in Kenya, riots and protests broke out, but locals told us how to avoid the trouble spots. And crime wasn't a problem for us. Even though we were traveling the world with this expensive camera gear and laptops in our backpacks, we (Q10) _____. It's true that during the times when we had our camera out and we were shooting a scene, people were less likely to bother us. But most of the time we just looked like tourists. If we were safe, you will be safe, too.

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| A | guide you to the most authentic experiences |
| B | missed being alone |
| C | ask a local |
| D | witnessed and learned |
| E | <i>traveled the world as backpackers</i> |
| F | was real life |
| G | not pay for any part of his trip |
| H | relied on the locals |
| I | forced to interact with the locals |
| J | never had anything stolen |
| K | invited us into a hut |
| L | is generally a safer place to travel in |
| M | is more affordable than you might think |

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| 0 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
| <i>E</i> | | | | | | | | | | |