UNIT 2 QUIZ A AUDIO SCRIPT

Listening 1 Exercise A

Interviewer Hello and welcome. The topic this week is helping others, and today we have Alan Bart with us to tell us about a different type of vacation.

So, Alan, could you tell us what you did last summer?

Alan Well, I graduated from law school last June, and I was starting a job in the fall. So I had planned to spend the summer on the beach with three friends from college. But then, for different reasons, my friends' plans changed, and they couldn't go with me anymore. That was when I decided that I'd prefer to travel alone rather than staying home the whole summer.

Interviewer OK, so you decided to travel solo?

Alan Yes. I've always been interested in doing things to help the environment, so I decided to look for marine conservation projects, for some kind of volunteer work taking care of sea life. I suppose because I've always loved the ocean, too!

Interviewer So, you decided to do something to help animals then?

Alan Correct. I found some great projects, such as one in Costa Rica that tries to protect endangered sea turtles, and another, in Belize, that monitors whale sharks – which are an endangered species, too.

Interviewer They sound like very interesting projects. Which one did you choose?

Alan I chose to work with the whale sharks in Belize.

Interviewer Did you see many of them?

Alan Not really. First, because there are fewer of these sharks nowadays, mainly because of overfishing and sea pollution. But, also, because the whale sharks usually come to the waters in Belize between March and June. During the other months, it's more difficult to come across them in that area.

Interviewer Oh … Were you disappointed?

Alan A little, but the work was absolutely fascinating, and I met some really wonderful people. So it was a fantastic summer in the end.

Interviewer And would you recommend this type of vacation to other people?

Alan Absolutely! I think it was one of the most satisfying and productive vacations I've ever had!