UNIT 7 QUIZ A AUDIO SCRIPT

Listening 1 Exercise A

Diego Hey, we still have to decide where we are going to spend the next long weekend.

Laura You mean those four days in May?

Diego Yes. Listen, I've been looking into some camping vacations. Now … I know you are not a big fan of camping, but would you be willing to at least think about it?

Laura Camping? You can't be serious … The only time I went camping was with my parents – and all I can remember is getting seriously bitten by mosquitoes and not being able to sleep at all in that uncomfortable tent.

Diego Hmm … But that must have been at least fifteen years ago, right? Things have changed a lot since then …

Laura Yeah, OK, that was before we met. But you're not going to convince me to waste my days off in a campground.

Diego Oh, hang on … I was not talking about a traditional campsite. I've been thinking of "glamping," which is basically glamorous camping and offers almost all the comforts of a hotel. There are some really cool places we could go to.

Laura How can camping ever be glamorous? Outside bathrooms, no proper beds, communal showers … I was thinking of going to a hotel, maybe even one with a spa …

Diego But we have to be practical about this. I can see the appeal of a hotel, but a nice one would be expensive and not make much financial sense when we are trying to save money for a house …

Laura Hmm … That's true. But would "glamping" be cheaper?

Diego Not a lot cheaper, but it would make a difference. And we wouldn't need to stay in a tent. Look at these places with treehouses, for example. Aren't they amazing? Think of the views from up there. And each treehouse has all the basics – a small kitchen, a bathroom, even air conditioning!

Laura Oh … OK … These have a little more potential … Oh, this one is really cool.

Diego It is, isn't it? Oh, come on, Laura. It would be really fun. I promise you won't regret it.