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## **FCE LISTENING** Life on the Road

**Instructions:** For questions 1-5 choose the correct answers A-D . Some questions may have more than one correct answer.

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- b) coffee shops
- c) bars
- d) gyms

2) Where is healthcare cheap?

- a) Vietnam
- b) Japan
- c) Thailand
- d) China

3) What languages can Todd speak?

- a) Korean
- b) Thai
- c) Mandarin
- d) Vietnamese

4) When Todd left Korea, he realized he \_\_\_\_.

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- b) wanted to go back
- c) wanted to live there
- d) didn't know Korean

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- b) a boss
- c) deadlines
- d) a goal

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## ANSWERS

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## TRANSCRIPT

Julia: What about meeting people? What about like a social life or just basic human interaction? How does that work?

Todd: Usually you meet lots of people but there's a couple of things you need to do. One is I usually stay away from anything touristy or where the tourists are because people just assume you're a tourist and nobody will bother to meet you. The best place to meet people though is a gym. So in every city, I would go to, I would sign up for a gym for two weeks or one month and you always meet people there. So gyms are great, you meet people right after work. You kind of feel like you're in a normal work flow. Parks, you meet a lot of people in parks. You go to where the local people are, maybe a food court or libraries, stuff like that, so usually places where people are actually trying to do something productive, either study or exercise or whatever, you meet people.

Julia: That was going to be my next question. What about your health? How do you maintain a health when you're living that kind of...

Todd: Well, yeah, you gotta eat well and you gotta exercise. I did go to the hospital in Chiang Mai because a dog bit me. Yeah.

Julia: Oh, no. Did you have to get rabies shots?

Todd: I had to get a rabies shot and it was really cheap so in most countries healthcare is really cheap. Thailand healthcare is excellent, I mean absolutely fantastic. And you know Vietnam it's cheap. You know even in big places like Taiwan or Korea, you know, you'd be surprised like it's not that expensive. You just got to go to the hospital and they'll sew you up.

Julia: And language problems? Did you ever have any language issues?

Todd: No, usually not. I mean like I lived in Thailand for four years so I can speak Thai but like Taiwan everybody spoke really good English. I went to Korea, didn't know a word of Korean. I stayed there for six weeks working from there and everybody was so nice. A lot of gestures so I got by and actually I remember getting on the plane to go home from Korea and I realized I didn't know even how to say yes and no in Korean or one, two, three, four, five and I was in their country for five weeks, six weeks. So, yeah, the Koreans were very nice.

Julia: Good.

Todd: So have I sold you? Would you like to give it a try?

Julia: Yes, I would but I, my problem is like motivation. Like if I'm not given a schedule, if I don't have deadlines, if it's all up to me, I, you know, I'd just spend all day at the beach and go for a massage, maybe do some shopping, go to a club, or something. I can't see myself working when I feel like I'm traveling and on holiday. I don't know.

Todd: Yeah, that's the catch.

Julia: The mindset, I guess yeah.

Todd: Yeah, that's the hard part.