

MONOLOGUE C1

Talk about the following topic (3-4 minutes maximum) using both texts as cues.

Travelling

Spiritual journeys.

Tourism is the new religion; holidays are the modern-day pilgrimages. On the road to Santiago de Compostela, devotees combine the two. You only have to cover 100km on foot, bicycle or horseback to qualify. Relatively few travel the entire length of one of the traditional routes. To walk such a distance is a hard physical and psychological challenge.

(<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/travel/>)

No place like home.

“Staycations” (spending your holidays at home) have achieved high popularity in the US during the financial crisis of 2007–2010 in which unemployment levels and gas prices were high. Staycations also became a popular phenomenon in the UK in 2009 as a weak pound made overseas holidays significantly more expensive.

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staycation>)

INTERACTION C1

Have a conversation with your partners (6 – 8 minutes) about the following topic basing your interaction on one or more of the quotations in the box and giving your personal opinion, indicating the basis of your arguments and responding appropriately to the other candidates' contributions.

PUBLIC SERVICES: “Unemployment”

The most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge.

– Obama

"With every month of unemployment that goes by, young people become less employable."

Many people are finding it increasingly difficult to get jobs and are being squeezed out of the labour market by mass immigration.