

# BACKPACKERS' ENGLISH

## WORKSHEET 2

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# 1. Introducing yourself

## 1. Purpose

- ✓ When you travel, it is better to talk about topics related to your trips.

## 2. Questions and Sample Answers

A. Where are you from?

- I'm from Saitama, Japan. It's located in the north of Tokyo.
- I'm from Hokkaido which is in the northernmost part of Japan.
- I'm from Mie, Japan. It is home of the famous Oise-san (shrine).

Your own answer

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B. How long have you been traveling?

- It's been already a month. I have eleven more months to go.
- It has been half a year since I set out traveling.
- Two years have passed, I'll go back to Japan soon.

Your own answer

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C. Which countries have you been to?

- I've been to the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.
- I've been to most countries in South East Asia, Middle East and Europe.
- I've been to all five continents.

Your own answer

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D. Are there any countries or places that you would like to recommend?

- Cebu, Philippines is great. The sea is clear and the people are so kind.
- If you like beer, I recommend you to join Oktoberfest in Germany.
- If I had to choose, the nature in Patagonia was a sight to behold.

Your own answer

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E. Where will you go next?

- I will stay here for a while and set off if I get bored.
- I'm heading to the north overland, going to Nepal.
- I'm going to fly to South America directly.

Your own answer


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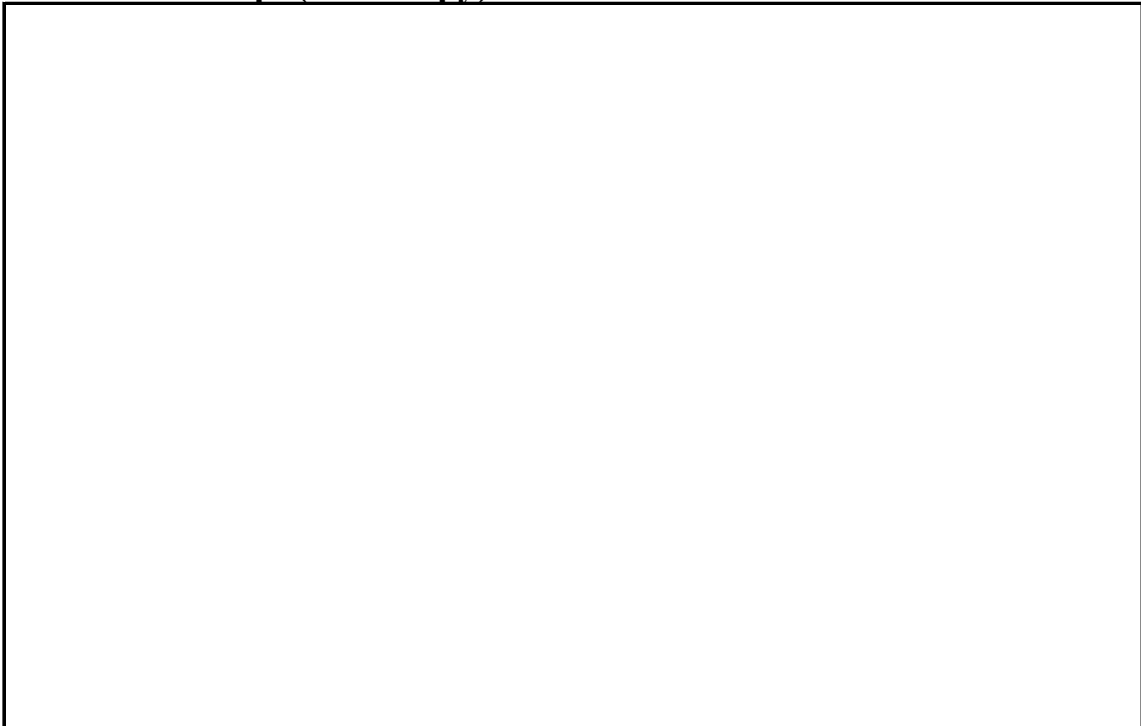
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**6. Recording( Your Teacher)**

**7. Practice**

## 2. Why you decided to travel

### 1. Purpose

- ✓ This question is absolutely asked.
- ✓ To be prepared on how to answer helps you a lot to have deeper

### 2. Questions and Sample Answers

A. When did you start thinking about traveling?

- ※ I had decided to travel around the world since I was a child.
- When I was a college student, I thought of traveling all over the world.
- I thought about it just recently.

Your own answer

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B. Is there anything or anybody who gives you interests in traveling?

- The book, "Chikyu wo asobou" written by Ayumu Takahashi made me want to travel.
- I was inspired by my high school teacher who has traveled around the world.
- My husband /wife persuaded me.

Your own answer

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C. When did you start your traveling?

- It started right after I quit my previous job.
- It started when I achieved my goal saving money for my travel.
- When I thought of missing that timing, it would never come again.

Your own answer

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D. Are there any difficulties in starting your travel?

- It took me 5 years to persuade my wife.
- I was worried if I can get a job after my traveling but I stopped thinking about it.
- It was difficult for me to quit from the company I worked for more than 10 years.

Your own answer

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E. Do you have a goal or purpose during your trip?

- I'd like to disseminate information by uploading on my blog.
- I'm eager to eat tasty food all over the world.
- I want to know the local people's way of thinking by communicating with them.


Your own answer

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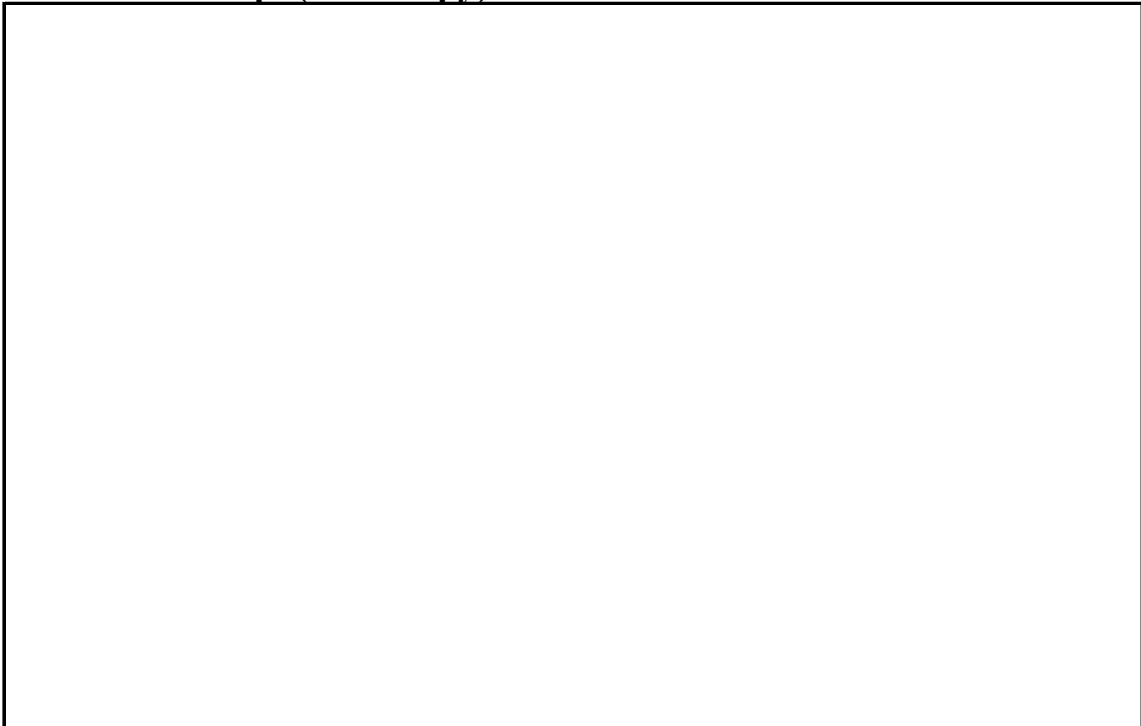
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# 3. Talking about careers

## 1. Purpose

- ✓ Oftentimes, you are asked about what you do in Japan.
- ✓ Moreover, you get to know what kind of professions are common in the world.

## 2. Questions and Sample Answers

A. What is your profession?

- I'm still a sophomore and I'm taking a leave of absence from school.
- I'm a system engineer.
- I work at a car company.

Your own answer

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B. What do you do? / What is your major?

- I major in international studies and make research about minorities in Vietnam.
- I make programs for ATM.
- I manage employees as a plant foreman.

Your own answer

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C. How long have you been working as a doctor / studying English / in the medical field?

- It has been three years since I joined the company.
- I had changed my job once and I quit two years after.
- It is over 10 years.

Your own answer

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D. Why did you choose this job?

- I had an opportunity to visit Vietnam during high school days then I got interested in it.
- Because I can get a better salary and I can easily take a leave of absence.
- It's just because I wanted to work in a stable company.

Your own answer

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E. How was your job? / How's your school?

- Actually, field work is more useful than listening to the professor's lecture.
- I could take a break in between projects but it was so hard.
- Despite the high salary jobs, I would like to get another one.


Your own answer

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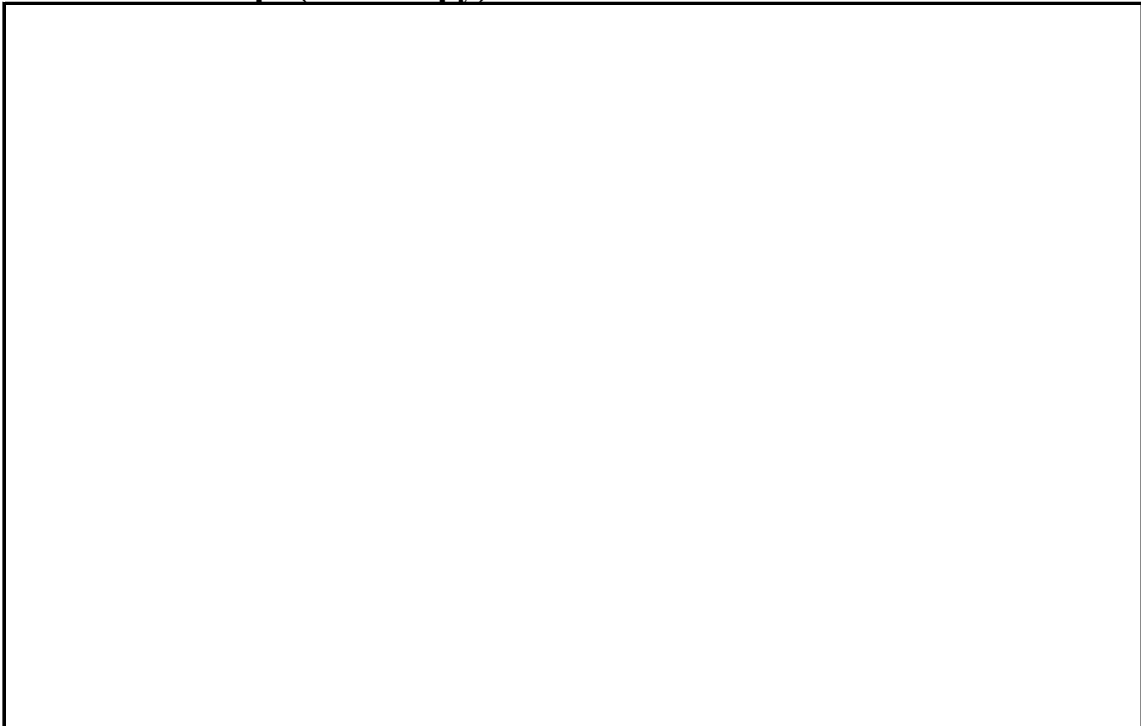
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# 4. Talking about travel plans

## 1. Purpose

- ✓ Talking about your travel plans is a great opportunity to exchange information with other backpackers.
- ✓ If you are lucky, you may get invited to come to their place or hometown.

## 2. Questions and Sample Answers

A. Where are you traveling to, and how long?

- I'm going to spend one and a half year traveling Middle East, Africa and Europe.
- I'm going to spend a year traveling and another year for a working holiday in Australia.
- After traveling around South East Asian countries and China, I'll go back to Japan.

Your own answer

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B. What's the purpose of your traveling?

- I would like to earn money by posting photos and articles in my blog.
- I'm traveling around the world trying to cut down expenses by couch surfing.
- I wish I could figure out what I really want to do in the future.

Your own answer

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C. Have you decided which places or festivals to go to?

- I want to go to Uyuni Salt Lake and experience the mirrored lake at night.
- I'm definitely attending Tomatina Festival. I'll meet my friends there again.
- I'm going to visit as many world heritage sights as possible.

Your own answer

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D. Why don't you come to Brazil? (By a Brazilian)

- I wish I could but I don't think I can go this time.
- I'm going to go there around this time next year.
- I haven't decided yet, but I'll go, hopefully.

Your own answer

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E. You were told by a friend from another country that he is planning to visit Japan.

- Let me know immediately! I'll tour you around.
- If I'm still traveling, then I'll ask my friend to guide you.
- Please stay at my place. I'd like to prepare home-cooked meals for you.


Your own answer

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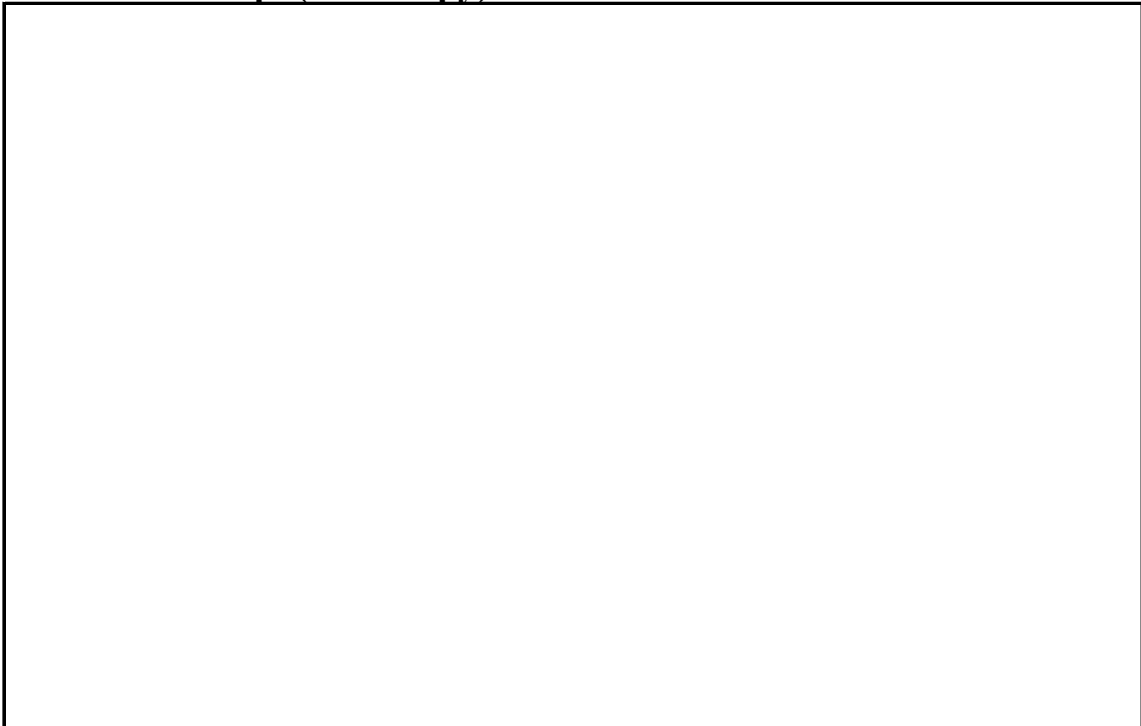
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## 5. About family and hometown

### 1. Purpose

- ✓ Talking about your travels is a kind of greeting for travelers. So after that, you may start talking about your family, home town and so on to get to know each other more

### 2. Questions and Sample Answers

A. How many people are there in your family?

- We are a family of five and I'm the second daughter.
- We are a family of four, my father, mother and a cat called Tama.
- We are a family of four including my grandfather. I'm an only child.

Your own answer

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B. What do they think about this trip?

- It was so hard to persuade my mother because she was really against the idea.
- My father is concerned if I can get a job after coming back because life is not that easy.
- My parents agreed. However, they are really worried about my safety.

Your own answer

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C. What are the famous food and places?

- There is nothing at all except a big mall in Sango, Saitama.
- My hometown is surrounded by great nature and people can ski in winter.
- The seafood in Ishinomaki, Miyagi is pretty good.

Your own answer

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D. How long does it take the (ex. central airport, capital) to your hometown by (car, train and etc)?

- It takes an hour from Narita Airport to my home town by train.
- It takes five hours from Shinjuku, Tokyo to my home town by express bus.
- It takes an hour and a half from Ueno, Tokyo to my home town by Shinkansen.

Your own answer

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E. Further information.

- It's located downtown so the access to the center of the capital is good.
- Zenko-ji (temple) is a famous national treasure. It is also famous for tasty fruits.
- Not only seafood but also beef tongue is popular.


Your own answer

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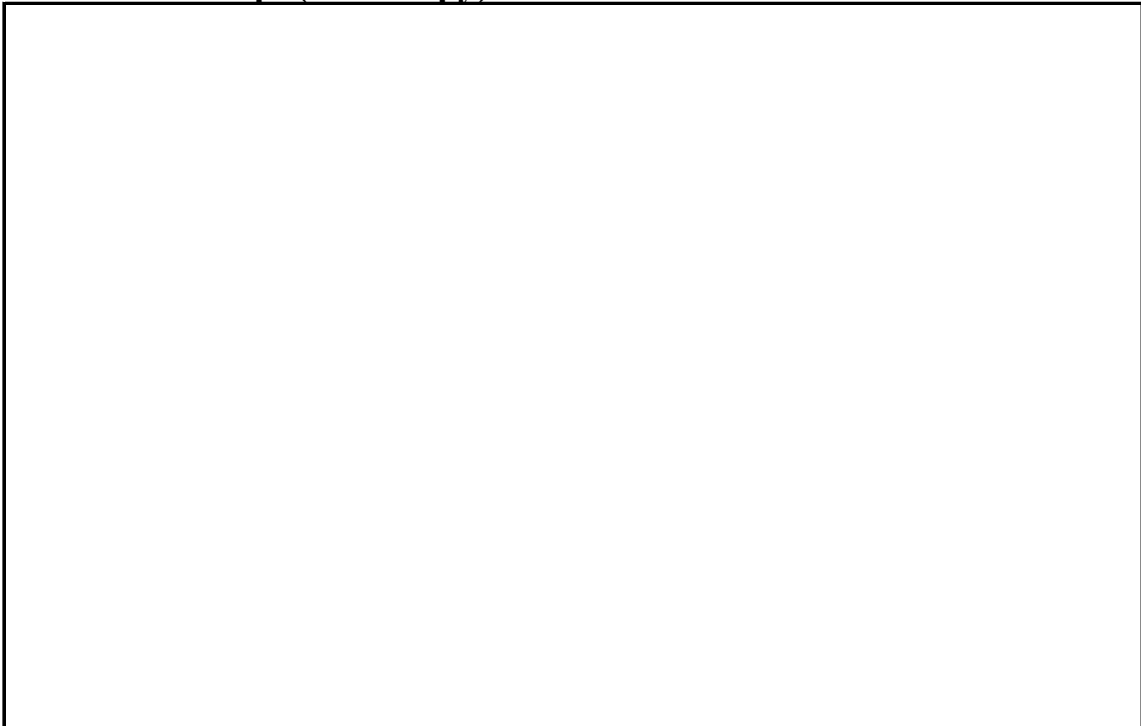
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# 6. An ideal lifestyle

## 1. Purpose

- ✓ There is a huge difference between foreigners and Japanese lifestyles.
- ✓ If you haven't found your own ideal lifestyle yet, you might discover it through asking other backpackers' way of thoughts.

## 2. Questions and Sample Answers

A. What do you usually do in Japan everyday?

- I often go out for a drink after work.
- I leave home at seven and go back around midnight. Also, I often work on weekends.
- I work on weekdays and I enjoy playing sports on holidays.

Your own answer

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B. How much vacation can you get?

- I can have one week holiday every Obon and a long holiday at the end of the year.
- I can't get a long vacation.
- Except for the busiest days, I could have holidays in a row.

Your own answer

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C. Are you satisfied with your lifestyle?

- I can do what I like to do so I'm fairly satisfied with my lifestyle.
- I decided to go on a trip because I wanted to change my lifestyle.
- I was satisfied because I was able to have enough holidays and a satisfying job.

Your own answer

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D. What kind of lifestyle is ideal for you?

- I prefer spending time with my family and at the same time, I am satisfied with my job.
- I would like to take a three month vacation from work every year.
- I'd like to manage my own work schedule.

Your own answer

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E. Do you know anyone who is living your ideal lifestyle?

- No, I don't know anyone.
- Yes, I want to be like my previous coworker. Now he has his own business and a happy family.
- Yes, I'd like to be someone who makes a living anywhere and enjoys life freely like Ayumu Takahashi.


Your own answer

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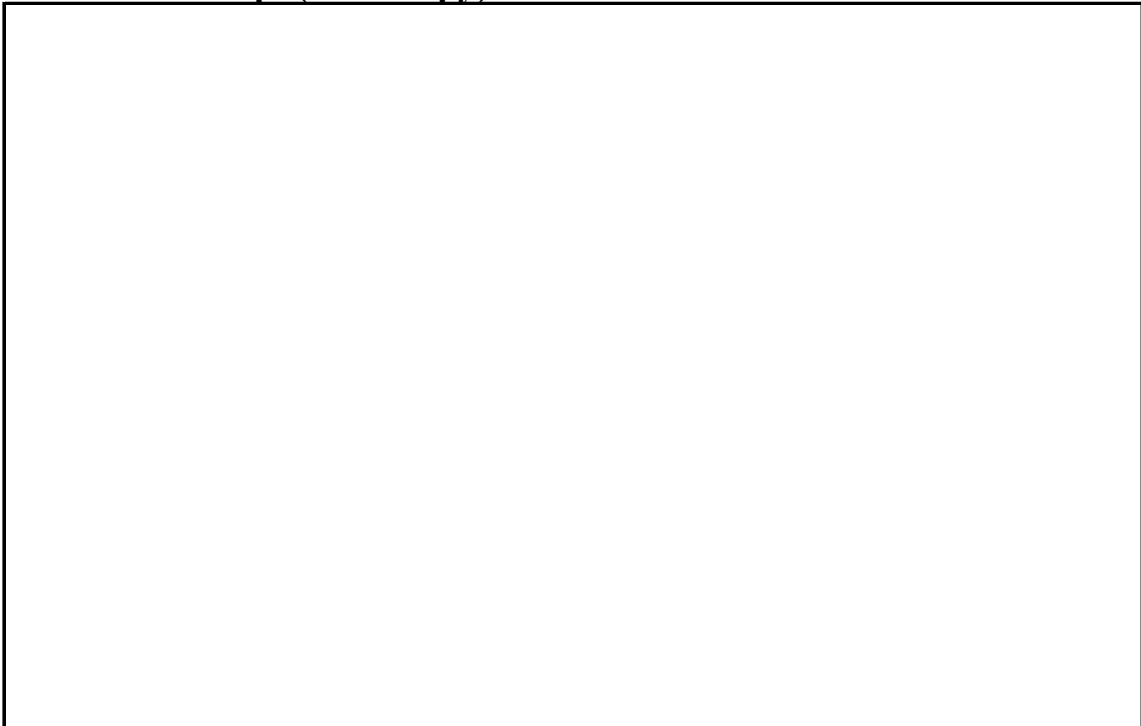
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# 7. Something bad almost happened (close call)

## 1. Purpose

- ✓ Experiencing some close call situations can't be avoided while on a trip.
- ✓ To be able to share one's close call encounter with other backpackers is helpful to have further conversations because backpackers are interested to learn about other people's experience to avoid or somehow, prepare if the same situation occurs in their future trips.
- ✧ How to respond when you hear others' close call.
  - That's too bad. / I'm sorry to hear that./No way!/
    - I am glad you are safe. / You are lucky it wasn't worse.

✧ Each answer is connected if the Number is the same.

## 2. Questions and Sample Answers

A. When and where did your worst close call happen?

1. It happened when I checked in the flight for Argentina at Bali Airport last year.
2. It happened when I was getting on a night bus to Brazil a few weeks ago.
3. It was when I stayed in Bangladesh.

Your own answer

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B. What happened?

1. I needed a flight ticket going out of the country but I couldn't connect to the Internet.
2. The bus I was on was hijacked and the criminal pointed his gun at me.
3. Local people invited me to their home and we played cards but it was actually a so-called Trump fraud.

Your own answer

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C. How did you deal with it?

1. I was able to go to a transit airport and finally I got the ticket there.
2. The criminal was satisfied with my iPhone and went on to the next person.
3. I smelled a rat so I talked to someone in the embassy. After that I went to the police.

Your own answer

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D. How did you feel towards the incident?

1. I felt dizzy because I imagined that I would throw 80,000yen for the ticket.
2. I was so scared that I almost cried and I was shaking.
3. I regretted because it was warned in the guide book as it's a common incident.

Your own answer

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E. What did you learn from this experience?

1. I learned the importance of searching more information beforehand.
2. It was the best way not to resist so, I gave it.
3. I think I was used to traveling and got careless. I thought I should brace my nerves.

Your own answer

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