

PART 3

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their experiences of volunteering. For questions **16 – 30** choose from the people **A – D**. The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person says that

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| he/she worked with motivated people? | 16 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| didn't work indoor? | 17 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| volunteering doesn't work for him/her? | 18 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| his/her work was not appreciated? | 19 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she found everybody very friendly? | 20 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she is still a student? | 21 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| people were very grateful for his work? | 22 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she is going to take part in another project? | 23 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she liked the food very much? | 24 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| thinks that not everybody volunteers because they feel like it? | 25 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she took part in an environmental project? | 26 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| to show people around was part of his work as a volunteer? | 27 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she found people unfriendly? | 28 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she was helped adapt by some members of the staff? | 29 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| he/she organized meals? | 30 <input type="checkbox"/> |

Volunteering

A

Joe Scott

Unfortunately, I had a very bad experience with volunteering. I once volunteered in an art museum and then again at a non-profit organization in the North of the country. Maybe my experience was ruined by the rudeness of some people I worked with.

I also had the impression that volunteering was just like working but without getting paid, maybe because in both cases my boss was taking advantage of the people working for him. Besides, he never seemed grateful for our volunteering work. Think that, at the end of the year, at the volunteer recognition dinner, the volunteers had to bring their own food! After concluding my second experience I decided never to volunteer again.

B

Paula Cliff

This was without a doubt the greatest experience of my life!

My host family made me feel at home from the moment I got there... The accommodation was excellent, very clean and the food was quite good. The coordinators were always ready to assist you. In particular, Mr. Brown, the most experienced member of staff, helped me adapt. I did four weeks and the first days were all about getting used to the city and the people. The following weeks were extremely productive and worthwhile, because I loved teaching both to children and adults. I think they were the best students I've ever had.

I can't wait for the next trip. But I think this time I'll do volunteering experience in animal preservation. My friend went to Borneo last year and he said that it was a fantastic experience.

C

Henry Grant

I've had a lot of experiences with volunteering and I must say that the people who worked in the places where I volunteered were very kind and very glad for the work I was doing. However, I believe that some places get too many volunteers or volunteers who want the job only to fulfill some requirement. For example, I know many young people who did volunteering only to be accepted at prestigious universities.

There are many different ways to volunteer – the important thing is to find the one that works best for you.

I had the best experiences when I worked on a project together with motivated people. For example, once I volunteered with an organization which raised money through meals or brunches during the wintertime.

The money they raised was used to build schools for children in poor African countries.

D

Hal Humphrey

I'm currently in college and I have just joined a group that volunteers to save wildlife (deer, rabbits and birds) in the Parrot forest. It's totally outdoors and there's a real sense of accomplishment. We also give tours of the Lighthouse to groups of people who come to visit. I love nature and find it great to help the environment and work with others who share my love for nature. I really believe in our organization and have been happy to contribute my time to it.