

08 NATURE

WATCH

A Watch the video. Which of the following words are connected to Iceland (I) and which to Costa Rica (C).

silvery half-light	_____	protected	_____	jungle	_____
honeymoon	_____	rugged	_____	Panama	_____
diversity	_____	cool	_____	stunning	_____
lush	_____	equator	_____	shimmering waves	_____

B Compare your ideas with a partner.

C Look at the video script. What are the missing words?

D Watch again and check your answers.

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

A Practise the conversation in pairs.

B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.

C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.

Ask your teacher to stop the video.

Repeat the word(s) / phrases.

D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

- Diana Well, the first place for me is easy – Iceland. *It's the most amazing place I've ever been to in my life, it really is.* Just ¹ _____.
- Paulo Wow! OK! I've always wanted to go, so it's good to hear. Where did you go? Reykjavik?
- Diana I've been twice, actually. The first time we just stayed in Reykjavik, yeah, which was great – but weird! I mean, we first went there in December and it was really, really dark, like maybe 19, 20 hours a day. And when it did get light, it was just this strange silvery half-light. Beautiful in its own way, but very odd.
- Paulo *Wow! Didn't you find it depressing,* ² _____ ?
- Diana No, not really. I mean, I was expecting it, so ...
- Paulo *OK. Yeah, I guess that makes a difference.*
- Diana And having breakfast ³ _____ was quite exciting in its own way. And it's a cool little city. Quite small – maybe only a quarter of a million, but fun to visit and really nice at Christmas. It had a big Christmas market and everything. And the best of all was we got to see the northern lights.
- Paulo *Oh,* ⁴ _____ *now. What was that like? It must've been amazing.*
- Diana It was incredible, yeah. Just these shimmering waves of green and orange and deep red flashing across the sky. *I'll remember it for as long as I live,* ⁵ _____.
- Paulo And what about the second time?
- Diana *Well, two years ago, I went back with another friend and we did a road trip right round the country, in the middle of summer, which was amazing too.* There's basically this one road that goes right round the coast of the country and we spent a week driving that. We'd be driving through these rugged volcanoes and ⁶ _____, looking down over these incredible lakes, and then we'd come round another corner and see even more mountains and lakes and it just went on and on and on. Stunning it was. If you've ever seen 'Lord of the Rings', it all looked a bit like Middle Earth in that.
- Paulo *I can* ⁷ _____, *yeah.*
- Diana You have to go if you get the chance anyway. So, what about you? Which places did you choose?
- Paulo Well, first of all, Costa Rica.
- Diana OK. A country I know almost nothing about! I'm not even sure where it is, to be honest.
- Paulo In Central America. I think it borders Nicaragua to the north and maybe Panama to the south. *I can't remember, to be honest. I was there quite a few years ago.*
- Diana Was it a holiday or something?
- Paulo Yeah, with my parents, when I was about 15. My dad had a friend there and we stayed with him and his family, and then we travelled round a bit.
- Diana And what made it so special?
- Paulo *Well, it's near the equator, so it's tropical, and very green, very lush.* There's lots of rainforest and jungle, which is great.
- Diana I bet.
- Paulo *And it's quite an incredible country too. I mean,* ⁸ _____ *of the whole country is protected national parks* and they manage to more or less stop the cutting down of trees and everything.
- Diana Wow! Good for them.
- Paulo And it was just very ⁹ _____ and diversity and everything. Like a real paradise-on-earth-type place.
- Diana One to remember for my honeymoon then! If I ever decide to get married.