
ANSWER KEY

Unit 8**A**

I = Iceland, C = Costa Rica

silvery half-light (I)

honeymoon (C)

diversity (C)

lush (C)

protected (C)

rugged (I)

cool (I)

equator (C)

jungle (C)

Panama (C)

stunning (I)

shimmering waves (I)

D

- 1 breathtakingly beautiful
- 2 the darkness
- 3 by candlelight
- 4 I'm getting jealous
- 5 I really will
- 6 snow-topped mountains
- 7 just picture it
- 8 something like 25%
- 9 rich in wildlife and flowers

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 breathtakingly beautiful.
- 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, the darkness?
- Diana No, not really. I mean, I was expecting it, so ...
- Paulo OK. Yeah, I guess that makes a difference.
- Diana And having breakfast by candlelight 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, I’m getting jealous 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, I really will.
- 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 snow-topped mountains, 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 just picture it, 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, something like 25% 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 rich in wildlife and flowers 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.