Unit 2 – Team challenge
Team C – My gap year changed my life
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Interviewer: So, Melissa, tell us about your gap year. When did you make your decision?

Melissa: Well, I think it was just before graduating from high school. I was seventeen years old and I didn't know what to do.

Interviewer: Did you choose to travel the world, volunteer, or study abroad?

Melissa: Well, I chose to travel the world. I visited lots of countries: Russia, China, New Zealand, Australia.

Interviewer: What was your best travel memory?

Melissa: Well. It was definitely Western Australia. I was with new friends. I remember we were at the beach: we were swimming and then we saw whales. They were huge, beautiful but I wasn't afraid of them. I just couldn't stop watching them.

Interviewer: Yeah, I can imagine it was incredible. So, what did that year teach you?

Melissa: My year taught me so much, not only about myself but also about the world around me. I learned how to use public transportation, how to ask locals for help, and how to speak different languages. I learned how to make complicated decisions. Eventually, I became more independent and confident and I am now ready to start college.