

Select Readings, Second Edition
Pre-Intermediate, Chapter 4 Test

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Peace Boat: My Experience

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Peace Boat is a Japan-based international non-governmental and non-profit organization that works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development, and respect for the environment.

I finally had the chance to realize a great dream of mine: riding on the Peace Boat. After more than twenty years of living and working in Japan, and after nearly six years of thinking about it, I decided to volunteer to work as an English teacher for a voyage on the Peace Boat.

To become a volunteer on the Peace Boat, you have to go through an interview process. While the staff members are obviously very serious about their work, the interview process was pretty easy, and I managed to get the job.

There were about 800 people on our cruise, including all the staff, volunteers, and passengers. My job included teaching several English classes each day, planning projects and workshops, and interacting with the passengers. Though it was a lot of hard work, it was also one of the best experiences of my life.

The entire Peace Boat cruise lasts about three months. Three months on a boat is a long time—a really long time. The seas can be rough, there isn't much privacy, and sometimes you just really feel like getting off the boat. However, every few days you stop in some of the most amazing places around the world, meet really interesting people, and make some truly lasting friendships. It was an amazing experience.

Whenever people ask me what the best part of volunteering on the Peace Boat was, I always say “the people.” Even today, many months after returning from the Peace Boat, I still remember all the wonderful friends, scattered in all parts of the world, that made my experience so wonderful. I will always miss and remember them all.

1. The reading passage is primarily about _____.
 - A. how to get a job on the Peace Boat
 - B. how to meet really interesting people
 - C. the best ways to travel around the world for free
 - D. one person's experience as a volunteer on the Peace Boat
2. Before he became a volunteer on the Peace Boat, the author had been thinking about doing it for _____.
 - A. three months
 - B. about six years
 - C. more than twenty years
 - D. all his life
3. In order to become a volunteer on the Peace Boat, a person has to _____.
 - A. submit a resume and photo
 - B. have an interview with the staff

- C. have volunteer experience
 - D. be very serious
4. The 800 people on the Peace Boat were made up of _____.
 - A. volunteers, passengers, and entertainers
 - B. staff, volunteers, and passengers
 - C. passengers, staff, and teachers
 - D. staff, government workers, and volunteers
 5. Which of the following was not part of the author's job on the Peace Boat?
 - A. planning projects and workshops
 - B. interacting with passengers
 - C. teaching English
 - D. interviewing volunteers
 6. How long is a trip on the Peace Boat?
 - A. Around the world
 - B. 800 people
 - C. Three months
 - D. Every few days
 7. Which of the following was not mentioned as a problem for the author on the cruise?
 - A. Teaching too many classes
 - B. Wanting to get off the boat sometimes
 - C. Rough seas
 - D. Not much privacy
 8. When did the author complete his volunteer work on the Peace Boat?
 - A. Today
 - B. Many months ago
 - C. Six years before writing this
 - D. Every three months
 9. What was the author's favorite part about volunteering on the Peace Boat?
 - A. Making friends with wonderful people
 - B. Getting more teaching experience
 - C. Seeing amazing places around the world
 - D. Being part of a special organization that promotes peace
 10. From the passage, we can infer that _____.
 - A. the author was born in Japan
 - B. the author is Japanese
 - C. the author is a foreigner living in Japan
 - D. the author travels often to Japan on business