

Helping at a hospital

Every year many people in Britain finish school and they take a year off before they start work or go to university. Some of them go to other countries and work as volunteers. Volunteers give their time to help people –for example, they work in schools or hospitals, or they help with conservation.

Mike Coleman is 19 and lives in Canterbury in England. He wants to become a teacher, but now he’s living in Namibia. He’s working in a hospital near Katima Mulilo. He says, ‘ I’m working with the doctors and nurses here to help sick people. I’m not a doctor but I can do a lot of things to help – for example, I help to carry people who can’t walk. Sometimes I go to villages in the mobile hospital, too. There aren’t many doctors here so they need help from people like me. I don’t get any money – but that’s OK, I’m not here for the money.

I’m staying here for two months and I’m living in a small house with five other volunteers. The work is hard and the days are long but I’m enjoying my life here. I’m learning a lot about life in southern Africa- and about myself! when I finish the two months’ work, I want to travel in and around Namibia for three weeks – for example, I want to see the animals in the Okavango Delta in Botswana.

I. Comprehension:

1- Are these statements True or False? Justify your answer from the text: 4PTS

- a- Mike is living in England.
- b- Mike wants to be a doctor.....
- c- Mike is unhappy because he doesn’t get any money.....
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- d- Mike is living in a house with five other volunteers.
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2- Answer the following questions : 4PTS

- a- What do most people in Britain do when they finish school?
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- b- Why does Mike like what he is doing?
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- c- How old is Mike?
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- d- What does Mike want to see when he travels to Namibia ?
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