

MICHAEL PALIN: THE “TRAVELLING COMEDIAN”

In this radio programme you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean:

scholar: acadèmic / académico

engage: atraure / atraer

abuse: maltractar / maltratar

Ready?

Now read the questions on the next page. Read them carefully before listening to the radio programme.

PRESENTER: Welcome to “Celebrities”, our weekly interview programme. In today’s programme Mary Smith interviews Michael Palin, a famous actor well-known for his comedy roles as part of the Monty Python team, but also for his being an explorer. He is one of Britain’s most loved comedians and travellers.

From an interview in “Outlook” (BBC Radio - World Service). Adapted

[Now listen to the rest of the interview.]

QUESTIONS

Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only ONE answer is correct.

[0.25 points each correct answer. Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.08 points. There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

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		Correcta	Incorrecta	No contestada
1.	When Michael was a child he... <input type="checkbox"/> often travelled across Europe by plane. <input type="checkbox"/> often had the chance to visit his family in the north of England. <input type="checkbox"/> watched TV programmes about travels because magazines were very expensive. <input type="checkbox"/> he had no opportunities to travel.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Michael's great-grandfather... <input type="checkbox"/> enjoyed travelling as a means of getting away. <input type="checkbox"/> wrote a book published by Oxford University about his trips to the Alps. <input type="checkbox"/> preferred landscapes and mountains to people. <input type="checkbox"/> was a great traveller of Irish origin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	While working as an actor with the Monty Python, Michael travelled a lot but... <input type="checkbox"/> he only went to boring places like New York. <input type="checkbox"/> didn't have the feeling that he was really travelling. <input type="checkbox"/> he was not interested in the places he went to. <input type="checkbox"/> the only places he liked were the television studios they went to.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	According to Michael, being a comedian allows you to... <input type="checkbox"/> be free and do whatever you want. <input type="checkbox"/> understand why people need to be free. <input type="checkbox"/> look at the world as an outsider. <input type="checkbox"/> understand why people do terrible things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	According to Michael, humour is very important when travelling because... <input type="checkbox"/> it can bring you closer to people. <input type="checkbox"/> people will help you if they see you act like an idiot. <input type="checkbox"/> it can help you learn a foreign language. <input type="checkbox"/> it will help you understand other cultures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	At first Michael was very worried about the round-the-world trip proposed by the BBC because... <input type="checkbox"/> the BBC was responsible for the organization and he didn't trust them. <input type="checkbox"/> he thought it was impossible for a camera to follow him everywhere. <input type="checkbox"/> he thought it was not possible to get round the world in 80 days. <input type="checkbox"/> he had to improvise the interviews with the people he met during the trip.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Michael thinks that our society should... <input type="checkbox"/> interfere to stop other countries from abusing the environment. <input type="checkbox"/> not learn lessons from the way people live in other countries. <input type="checkbox"/> not impose our way of life on other countries. <input type="checkbox"/> understand why other countries abuse the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	According to Michael a lesson to be learnt from the poorest people is that... <input type="checkbox"/> we produce too much waste because we have much more than we need. <input type="checkbox"/> we recycle too many plastic bottles because we drink too much water. <input type="checkbox"/> it is a waste of time to recycle plastic bottles. <input type="checkbox"/> plastic bottles should not be thrown away in Africa.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Recompte de les respostes

Nota de comprensió oral