

# Activities to do **BEFORE** you listen to the podcast

## A

Do you understand the following words and expressions?  
Pick two new ones and make sentences.

brave, keep in touch, hang around      vivid, folks, powerhouse      hilarious, distorted, arbitrary

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## B

Match the highlighted expressions to their meaning.

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| 1. Suddenly I was a very hot commodity...                         | a. when two people start a relationship or doing something together   |
| 2. ... and word just got around, there's an American girl...      | b. to think that you are better or more important than you really are |
| 3. It kind of went to my head...                                  | c. to move or travel with no particular purpose                       |
| 4. ... like everyone was keeping an eye on everyone else...       | d. to look after someone or something                                 |
| 5. If I had a daughter, there's no way I'd let her roam around... | e. someone or something that is highly valued or in much demand.      |
| 6. ...where you hooked up with the love of your life...           | f. when news spreads fast within a group of people                    |

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## C

Circle the correct option.

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| 1. "Pod' von" by Elán is her favourite song because...                      | 5. Was it a shock for her to move to Slovakia as a 17-year-old? | 8. The only problem she remembers having when she came to Slovakia is with bus tickets. |
| a. It is easy to sing.  | a. No, she was prepared and she loved it.                       | a. True      b. False   |
| b. She loves the band.  | b. Yes, it was very different from America.                     | 9. What is the name of her book and why?  |
| c. She feels the song was written for her.                                  | c. Yes, she wanted to move back to America.                     | a. "Ja som smelý most" to honour her Slovak roots.                                      |
| 2. Who was Kristína Royová?   | 6. In Svätý Jur, Sarah said she found...                        | b. "I am the most smelly" because it was a funny joke with her brother.                 |
| a. A Slovak woman Sarah admires   | a. Little support for foreigners.                               | c. "I am a brave bridge" because it connects to her work and life.                      |
| b. Sarah's great-grandmother  | b. A community of people ready to help.                         | 10. What differences does Sarah see between Slovakia in the past and now?               |
| c. Sarah's childhood friend   | c. English-speaking schools.                                    | a. Tuna, peanut butter, quinoa  |
| 3. Why is this podcast different?   | 7. Sarah's book is about...                                     | b. Food, rebuilding of the city, shopping malls, more foreigners                        |
| a. Sarah has lived in Slovakia for more than 20 years.                      | a. Her trips around the world                                   | c. There is no difference   |
| b. Sarah isn't currently living in Slovakia.                                | b. Her Slovak family history                                    |   |
| c. Sarah lives half a year in Slovakia and the other half in America.       | c. Her time in Slovakia when she was a teenager                 |   |
| 4. Sarah's grandfather used to call her "huncút" when she was too cheerful. |   |   |
| a. True      b. False   |   |   |

### KEY

**B:** 1-e, 2-f, 3-b, 4-d, 5-c, 6-a

**C:** 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-b, 5-a, 6-b, 7-c, 8-a, 9-c, 10-b

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