

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

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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