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Interviewer: Taking a year off between high school and college and going abroad to do volunteer work is a great way to learn about another culture. With me are a group of students who are doing just that. Patricia, Laurence, and Thomas are going to share their experiences with us.
So, Patricia, where did you go?

Patricia: I spent two weeks in Cambodia and I made some good friends. Our group was in Phnom Penh, the capital, and every day we visited a community garden and one of the local schools. In the morning we worked in the garden—planting, turning soil, pulling weeds—and in the afternoon we taught English to students at the school. Sometimes we'd play games with the kids and help them with their homework after school. It was a great experience!

Interviewer: That does sound great, Patricia. Laurence, what about you?

Laurence: I spent four weeks in Thailand on a marine conservation project. I've always loved science and I'm planning to major in marine biology. So this project was something that I'd wanted to do for a long time. I shared a house with 15 other volunteers, and we all got along really well. Before the project started, we had informative workshops that taught me a lot about conservation. I recommend this project, but I think doing it for four weeks is long enough. It's very tiring.

Interviewer: Good advice, Laurence. And finally to Thomas. Tell us about your experience.

Thomas: My experience working in Kenya is something I'll never forget. I stayed in a beautiful home with a family and ate traditional meals. During the day I spent six hours in a school where I worked with a teacher to help the 6- to 7-year-olds learn English. Teaching helped build my confidence. I learned a lot about how schools work there. The experience helped me decide what I want to study when I start college next year. I'm going to major in education.

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- Maite: Hey, Isaac. Come on in. I'm in the living room.
- Isaac: Hi, Maite. Oh, wow! What's happening here? Are you moving? Or have you gone crazy?!
- Maite: Haha, the first one. Yes, I'm moving. I didn't tell you when we spoke yesterday because I wanted it to be a surprise!
- Isaac: When? Why? Tell me everything.
- Maite: Well, it all happened quickly I guess. You know that my sister Carmina just had a baby? Well, not just. Henry's about 9 months old now. Anyway, my mom and dad have been over there a lot to see her and the baby..
- Isaac: But what's that got to do with these piles of clothes and boxes?
- Maite: Well, my mom called me last week to tell me that she and dad are going to move closer to Carmina. They want to be able to spend more time with Henry and I guess help Carmina. I think she's finding motherhood pretty stressful... But what I'm getting to is that they are moving, and I'm going to move into their apartment.
- Isaac: Hey, that's great, isn't it? Their apartment is big and in a great location, from what I can remember.
- Maite: You're right about both. It's much closer to my work. So I'm pretty excited about the move.
- Isaac: But please tell me you are NOT taking all this with you, Maite. This is a real opportunity for you to get rid of a lot of stuff you don't need. I know how you like to save everything. I think you'd be happier with fewer things.
- Maite: Oh, Isaac I knew you were going to say that. That I should donate some of this stuff to charity. That it takes up too much space in my life. (sarcastic voice) Space that I need for me and my thoughts.
- Isaac: Now, you're just laughing at me! But you're right, I was about to say that. You know what you have to do. So let's do this together, Maite. Let's throw stuff away! Start with this... this... I don't even know what this is!

