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Intermediate Student’s Book

Life

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**1** I live in Zambia and we have fantastic river systems here. I love rafting on the Zambezi River. It’s one of the best white water runs in the world. On my very first trip, we had a real surprise! We were coming down fast from a section of rapids and we could see calm water ahead. Then I saw a big hippo near the river bank. It’s best to avoid hippos if you can! We started paddling away quickly because it was coming towards us! We were going around a small island in the middle of the river, when suddenly …

**2** I began diving when I was about 12. I actually learned to dive on holiday in Mexico. My parents went there to explore the underground lakes – or cenotes. My brother and I were sitting around on the beach, getting bored, so we took a diving course. Then we did our first dive in the ‘easy’ cenotes while my parents were exploring the dangerous stuff. It wasn’t deep underground and the sun was shining in through an opening in the roof of the cave. It was really calm and beautiful. I felt like staying there all day! I was concentrating on doing everything right. I didn’t notice that …