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**I = Interviewer, Z = Zoltan**

**I:** Zoltan, you’re a herpetologist, which means you study snakes all around the world. So, you have to travel a lot. Do you ever take holidays?

**Z:** No, not often. My work is also my hobby so I’ve been to Paris, to Rome, to the Pyramids and I went sightseeing there but it was always because my work took me there. For my last trip I was in the Sudan and I went looking for snakes.

**I:** But you must take a holiday sometimes?

**Z:** Well, once or twice I have travelled to places not connected to snakes. For example, I spent a holiday in the Seychelles with some friends. They enjoyed the beach and the markets while I went diving with my underwater camera.

**I:** Is that your most important item when you travel – your camera?

**Z:** Yes, my camera and my sleeping bag. With a sleeping bag you can sleep anywhere you want.

**I:** So, do you ever stay in hotels?

**Z:** If I go with friends, I might stay at a luxury hotel or a resort but normally I’m on my own so I rarely book a hotel in advance.

**I:** What about when you were a child? Did your family take holidays?

**Z:** Yes, but I have been interested in snakes since the age of four. So when we travelled, I looked for snakes and took them home. For me, a holiday has always been about exploration – about finding beauty and the unknown.