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Pre-Intermediate Student’s Book

Life

Adventurers of the year

Every year, readers of *National Geographic* magazine vote for their adventurers of the year. Here are two of them.

THE MOUNTAINEER

As a child, Edurne Pasaban lived in the mountainous Basque region of Spain and she climbed her ﬁrst mountain when she was fourteen. At university, she studied engineering but she didn’t want a nine-to-ﬁve job. In May 2010 she ﬁnished her biggest challenge, to climb the world’s fourteen tallest mountains. Nowadays she is famous for her many climbing achievements, However, she didn’t climb in order to become famous. She says, ‘For me, adventure is a way of life.’

THE ROAD TRIPPERS

Steven Shoppman and Stephen Bouey were old friends who grew up together in Denver. But they knew each other a lot better after their adventure. They both had an ambition to go on a road trip round the world. From 2007 to 2010, they drove through 69 different countries during their 122,000-kilometre journey and had many adventures. They took a big risk when they went across a mineﬁeld (see photo). They also got help from lots of people and they found that the world wasn’t as dangerous as they thought!

road trip (n) /ˈrəʊdtrɪp/ a long journey by road