

1 Read Paul's interview with his teacher.

Paul Smith interviewed his teacher, Mr Gale, for the school magazine. Here is his article.

P What were you doing last year?

MG I was living in a village in Malawi. I taught year six in the village primary school.

P Was it different to teaching in Oxford?

MG In some ways, yes. There were fifty children in the class. Many children had to walk a long way to school. In the village, women got up early and went to get water, and then worked in the fields growing vegetables.

P Didn't they have a supermarket?

MG No, they didn't! Just a few little shops.

P Was anything difficult for you?

MG I missed my family. Also, I didn't take many things with me. And I didn't have a TV in my house. At first that was difficult for me.

P What was the best thing that happened to you?

MG I made many friends. I have friends from different countries. They speak different languages, and eat different foods.

P What have you learnt?

MG I've learnt that life is an adventure. I've learnt that people are important, not things. Life is about kindness, fun and friends.

P Thank you very much, Mr Gale.

**2 Tick (✓) or cross (X) about Mr Gale's time in Malawi.**

1 He lived in a city.

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3 He had friends from different countries.

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5 He learnt that life is an adventure.

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7 He learnt that things are important, not people.

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2 He made many friends.

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4 He didn't miss his family.

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6 He had a TV in his house.

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3 Discuss with a partner.

1 Tell your partner about a place you've visited.

2 Talk about a place where people have a very different life to yours.