

mary /1/ questions eng

were you **and** Lisa good friends?

oh yes. we met in high school when we were both twelve and we became very good friends. we have been friends since then.

did you both go to the same college?

no, unfortunately when we left high school each of us went to a different college so we ended up in different cities. so there was no way for us to keep seeing each other.

did you keep in touch?

we wrote e-mails to each other but not too often. I suppose we were too busy with our own lives to follow what the other one was doing.

what **did** you **do** after college? (were you doing?)

I became a volunteer in Peace Corps. it was something I wanted to do for a long time.

what **do** volunteers **do**?

usually they are sent to a poor country to teach English and help the locals.

what **were** you **told**?

I was told to choose a country that I wanted to work in. I was allowed to choose, which was a good thing.

did you **have to** choose a country?

no, they said if it didn't matter to me where I was going, they would choose a country for me. but there were places I didn't want to go to so I said I would choose.

would you **rather go** to Africa? (rather have gone)

well, yes. the reason I joined Peace Corps was because I liked to imagine myself working in an exotic place. but when I looked at the options there were no African countries among them. they said there were enough volunteers in Africa so I had to choose a country in Eastern Europe.

which options was the best one?

it was hard to choose. there were poor countries like Romania and richer countries like Hungary. I had to decide quickly and in the end I chose the Czech Republic.

what is it like having to choose? (to have to choose)

sometimes it's better to be told what to do. being able to choose doesn't always work. sometimes you choose a place and then you find it's different from what you expected and you're disappointed and angry at yourself for making the wrong decision.

were you **excited** (about it)? (were you looking forward to it)

I was excited even though I had no idea what my stay was going to be like.