

Week 10

**#49 Dear aspiring overseas volunteer**

**Skills/ Objectives: Reading and Speaking**

**PART 1: Before you read...**

**Preparatory questions**

1. If you could volunteer abroad, where would you go and what would you do? What do you gain you will gain from volunteering abroad?

**Vocabulary**

1. Human trafficking (noun): the illegal act of buying or selling people, or of making money from work those people are forced to do
2. spur (verb): to encourage a development
3. debilitate (verb): to make somebody weak physically
4. disillusioned (adjective): disappointed because someone found that something is not as good as s/he had thought
5. inoculate (verb): to give somebody a vaccine

**PART 2: Article**

In this article, Katie Bergman offers some advice to people who plan to volunteer abroad.

**Dear aspiring overseas volunteer** (*click the read the article*)

<https://www.vergemagazine.com/volunteer-abroad/articles/2046-dear-aspiring-overseas-volunteer.html>

(Source: Verge magazine)

**PART 3: Let's discuss!**

1. What have you learnt from the article about volunteering abroad? Which piece of advice do you find the most useful?
2. According to the author, what kinds of attitude should people have when they volunteer abroad? Do you agree?
3. What do you think the benefits of volunteering abroad are?

**PART 4: Speaking**

/ɪə/ is a diphthong (volunteer). Learn how to pronounce the vowel here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation/diphthongs1>

English has seven diphthongs. Learn how to pronounce the other diphthongs here:

<http://thesoundofenglish.org/diphthongs/>

**PART 5: Learn further**

1. **Volunteer abroad**

This website provides information about volunteering abroad including blog entries shared by different volunteers around the world.

<https://www.vergemagazine.com/volunteer-abroad.html>

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