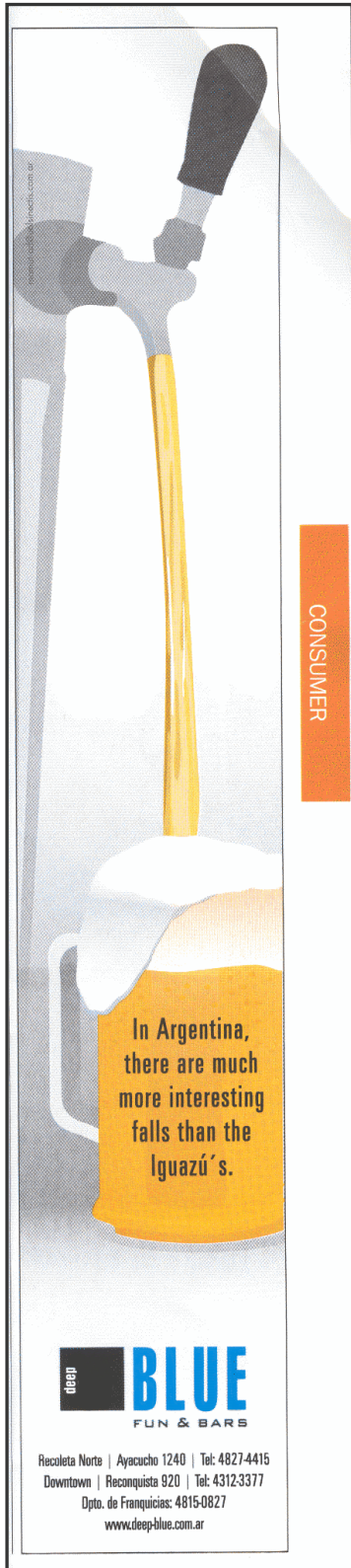


Take two minutes to look at your speaking sheet. Use the information to organise your ideas. Finally, present your views on the topic.

- Imagine the type of traveller that would read each text.
- What is special about the salt hotel?



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CILE 3 – TASK 1(Individual) - Examiner's guide

The examiner should allow examinee to speak freely about the topic, asking questions when necessary to keep the flow of the conversation. The following questions are suggestions; feel free to add questions of your own.

- What activities can you do on each type of trip?
- Do any of the texts call your attention? Why?
- What kind of problems might you encounter on each trip?
- What advice would you give somebody who was traveling to these sites?
- Would you make any of these trips? Which one? Why?
- Which would you never make? Why?
- Have you ever gone on any of these trips or on a similar one? Tell us about it.
- Have you ever gone on a trip alone with a friend? Tell us about it.
- Do you ever travel with your family? How do you get along when you travel with them?
- Some Internet sites allow you to look for a traveling partner. Would you consider that option? Why? Why not?
- Do you remember any vacation spot you enjoyed a lot when you were a child? Tell us about it.
- Argentina has become a popular destination for tourists. Is this a positive or negative fact? Why?
- If a friend of yours wanted to get to know your country and was planning a tour, what advice would you give him/her about what clothes to bring, places to visit, eating out, sightseeing or shopping?

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CILE 3 - TASK 2 (Problem-solving) - CANDIDATE'S SHEET

Candidates A & B

You always go on holiday together and this year you have decided to go on a working holiday.

Speak about the advantages and disadvantages of each of the job offers and choose the one you think would be best for you.



DENMARK

Job: Picking of strawberries

May- August.

Contract: 3-8 weeks

Accommodation: Campsite

Pay: Piecework - an average of US\$ 1.-per kilo (US\$180 – 200 /day)

Working hours depending on the weather - start at 05.00 am

VERY HARD work!

GERMANY

Ponyhof Georgenbruch This is a private riding holiday for unaccompanied children.

July-August

Accommodation: room in the family house

Pay: US\$100.- per day

Position requirements: The student is expected to help with the children (they take up to 40), the rooms, serving meals and care of horses.



FRANCE

September. Job type: grape picking.

Accommodation: a clean bed, shower and toilet and all meals every day.

Temperature: fairly warm in the afternoons in September (up to 30 degrees C), but chilly in the early morning (freezing point).

Pay: US\$200.- for an 8 hours working day. On days you don't work, either due to the weather or because of illness, you won't be paid. A farmer's grape harvest takes between 7 and 18 days at the most.

Position requirements: grape picking is hard work.. A full backbasket weighs about 50 kilograms)

NEW ZEALAND

Job Type: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts - Rental Attendants
June-October

Accommodation: Whakapapa Staff Quarters.

Pay US\$100 – 120 per day. Uniform provided.

Allowed to use the skiing facilities on day off.

Position requirements: Ensure all due care is taken in the operation of company vehicles. Provide accurate information to the public about the facilities. Be pro-active in greeting and communicating with customers. Maintain a clean and tidy workplace, disposing of litter in the appropriate manner. Assist other departments as required

