Listening test

J: So where do you want to go on vacation?  
P: I’m not really sure. Do you know already where you will go?

J: I was thinking about going to Cambodia. But last year, I was in Egypt, that was also really nice. So I didn’t decide yet.

P: Ah OK, I understand that this is a difficult decision. Have you ever heard of the country China? It is supposed to be very nice.

J: Yes, of course I have heard of China. But why do you think it is so nice?

P: Well, most people think it is nice because it’s really busy and cheap, but I like it because of the culture and history.  
J: So if you would go to China, what would you visit?

P: Well, for sure I would like to visit the capital city, Beijing, but also the great wall. I’ve heard great stories about this. Did you know it was built more than 2500 years ago? The history of China is great. For a very long time, they were the most powerful empire in the world.

J: When was this most powerful period?

P: Well, approximately from 500 CE to 1600 CE they were the biggest empire in the world. They even invented gunpowder!

J: Wow, I didn’t know. They used it in fireworks, didn’t they? I really like fireworks! When I was in France, I saw the most beautiful fireworks show ever! I was so amazed, so many colours high in the sky. It was in Paris, have you ever been there?

P: Yes, when I was really young, so I don’t remember anything of it. My mother told me that I was afraid of the Eiffel tower because it is so high. Also, she told me that I ate French baguette and I really loved it.

J: Haha, so funny. Did you know that France and Cambodia have a history together?

P: No, I didn’t know? Can you explain me?

J: Well, in the 18th century, France colonized Cambodia as part of Indochina. Together with Laos and Vietnam, it was one big French Colony.

P: Ah, that I remember. But actually, it was in the 19th century that they colonized it. Also, Indochina was the only French colony in Asia.

J: Haha, oke you beat me. Sorry about that. But still, don’t you think it’s strange that the French were in Cambodia for a very long time?

P: Yes, it’s a strange history. By the way, you were also thinking about going on vacation to Egypt, right? Egypt has an interesting history too. It is known for its pyramids.

J: Yes I know, because I’ve been there already. I also visited the pyramids, it was really awesome. I also went on a boat on the river Nile. It was a bumpy ride, because the waves were high. I also ate something wrong, but I think I got sick of the waves.

P: Haha, I don’t like boats, but I would love to go to Egypt this year. Yes, I think I made up my mind! I am already looking forward to it!

J: Ha, nice. Most probably, I will go to Cambodia and maybe to China too, because it’s quite close. But now I have to go. See you later alligator!

P: See you later! Bye!

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Questions

1. Where is Jord going on vacation?
2. Cambodia
3. Egypt
4. He doesn’t know yet

1. What does Paula like of China?
2. The culture
3. That it is cheap
4. That it is busy
5. How long lasted the most powerful period of China?
6. 1100 years
7. 1000 years
8. 900 years
9. What did the people in China invent?
10. Gunpowder
11. Fireworks
12. Colours
13. What does Paula know of her visit to Paris?
14. She was afraid of the Eiffel tower
15. She loved French baguette
16. Nothing (she was too young)
17. What mistake does Jord make?
18. He thinks France had more than one colony in Asia
19. He talked about the wrong century
20. He thought Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam were three different colonies
21. Why did Jord get sick in Egypt?
22. Because of the waves when he was on a boat on the river Nile
23. Because he ate something wrong
24. Because he looked in the mirror
25. Where does Paula go on vacation this year?
26. Cambodia
27. China
28. Egypt