



Lesson 1A: Yes/No Questions (1)

### ☐ Assessment #3iv. Travelling (Part I)

**Do** you like travelling? [Why/Why not?]

**When** was the last time you went travelling? [Where?]

**Is** it common for young people to travel in your country?

**Do** you prefer travelling alone or with a friend? [Why?]

### 3iv. Study the training session example below.

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**English Teacher:** Do you like travelling?

**Darby Laai:** <sup>2</sup>For sure yeah.

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**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** I think it is due to the fact that I have adventure in my blood. Can you understand this? Did I use the expression correctly?

**English Teacher:** Let's write it down and discuss it after the task.

**Darby Laai:** Ok thank you.

**English Teacher:** When was the last time you went travelling?

**Darby Laai:** Hmmm...let me see. I think it had to have been about 3 years ago.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** <sup>7</sup>Why? Well, I suppose it is because I had to go and visit someone in another country. But that was a long time ago you see.

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**English Teacher:** I see. Is it common for young people to travel in your country?

**Darby Laai:** Well, I am not so young anymore...<sup>10</sup>but yeah I would say so.

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**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** I think it is due to the fact that the parents of many young people recognize that life experience is really important for the development of their children...so they encourage young people to go travelling before getting a job or entering university. That's what I think anyway.



**English Teacher:** Ok...last question in this task. Do you prefer travelling alone or with a friend?

**Darby Laai:** Alone.

**English Teacher:** Why?

**Darby Laai:** I suppose it's because I just don't have that many friends who are not married with kids anymore. They are all finished. In fact, I don't even get to see them anymore nevermind go travelling with them. Besides, it's just more fun when you are on your own. There is nobody there to tell you what to do. Except for...anyway forget about it.

**English Teacher:** Umm...ok...Uh huh...Ah hem...Thank you. You used an alternative expression for the yes/no question that was natural and meaningful. In fact, you used one that I really liked. You said "yeah I would say so". This sounded natural in your answer.



## Preparation Feedback



Asking your teacher if it is ok to use a certain expression in the middle of an assessment task diverts your focus from the feedback comment. If you know you want to use it during the task, ask your teacher about it during the preparation feedback stage of the live class.

## Assessment Feedback



You used an alternative expression to "Yes" or "No" that was natural and meaningful.



You used alternative expressions for "Yes" and "No", but you might consider focusing on picking the right expression to match your meaning before moving forward.



If you only use simple responses to yes/no questions, you will lose the opportunity to show a range of vocabulary to the interviewer.