

第5問 (配点 15)



Your English teacher told everyone in your class to choose a short story in English to read. You will introduce the following story to your classmates, using a worksheet.

“That’s right,” Malcolm answered, “I have no house.” That’s what my dad’s best friend answered when I asked him if he really had no place to live. “Does that make you a homeless person?” I asked next. He laughed a little and answered, “I guess technically I could be considered homeless, but my situation is different. Most homeless people struggle because they don’t have a job and really can’t afford to rent or buy a home. In my case, I chose to have no house. My home is wherever I am at the moment.”

You see, five years ago Malcolm, or “Mal” as I’ve called him ever since I could remember, decided to sell his house and live and work while traveling the world. For 25 years Mal worked for a newspaper company as a journalist. He’s still a writer but instead of going to an office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday Mal works wherever he has a laptop and Internet access. He has a blog about technology and also contributes articles about technology and the IT industry to several publications, including the newspaper he used to work full-time for.

I asked Mal why he decided to live as he does. He said at first his idea was to work from home and to be his own boss. But then he realized working in an office at home was not that different from going to an office building to work. Also, traveling around the world and seeing different countries and cultures was something he’d always wanted to do. “When your dad and I were in college,” he continued, “we went on the typical college backpacking trip through Southeast Asia. Ever since, I’ve tried to take a trip to somewhere overseas at least once a year.” “Still,” I asked, “don’t you need someplace to come home to?” Mal looked at me and said, “That’s exactly it. The more I traveled, the more I realized that traveling is when I’m happiest. As long as I can still work, why not travel all the time? And if so, who needs a home?”

So, Mal quit the newspaper, and he and his wife Candice sold their home and used the money for their travels. They also sold most of their possessions and put everything else into storage. Their first stop was Greece, a place they went to for their honeymoon

20 years before. They rented a house on an island in the Adriatic Sea and lived there for six months. Next, they traveled by train and car into central Europe, staying in hotels, hostels, and sometimes people’s homes. After that, they flew to Asia. Constantly moving around has been Mal and Candice’s normal life for the past five years. Every year or so they’ll “take a break” by coming back to the U.S. to stay with friends and family. I guess our house is the closest thing they have to a home.

I still had questions, like isn’t it tiring — and a bit lonely or scary — to travel all of the time? Mal’s answer surprised me. He said that yes, it is tiring to travel all of the time, and sometimes bad things happen, like having your stuff stolen or having no place to stay. However, he continued, we try to balance those things out by coming home to close friends and family from time to time, or staying in one place for longer periods to rest. He asked, “Do you think of home as just a place with walls, a living room, and bedrooms? Or is home where the people you love are?” I answered him that if I have my mom, dad, sister, and Poncho (our dog) then that’s where home is. It’s a bit silly but I really believe in the old saying “home is where the heart is”.

I had two final questions for Mal. Where were they going next and could I come along? He laughed and answered, “Yes, to the second question. As for the first question, I’ll let you decide where we go next.”

Your worksheet:

About the main character (Malcolm, “Mal”)

- He is a friend of the author’s father, and .
- He started working for himself because .

Mal’s life to date

- The reasons why he started to travel overseas many times were and .

- His life over the last five years is as follows.

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The impressive parts of this story

Mal probably believes a person’s home is , and this idea is very interesting.

問1 Choose the best option for .

- ① feels the need to have his own house
- ② finds jobs all over the world
- ③ is satisfied with his situation
- ④ is struggling to change his living condition

問2 Choose the best option for .

- ① he didn't really need a job as a writer
- ② he no longer got along with his coworkers
- ③ it allowed him to work from anywhere
- ④ it was an attractive way to get more money

問3 Choose the best two options for and . (The order does not matter.)

- ① a course he took in college.
- ② a story he heard from his father.
- ③ a trip he took with a college friend.
- ④ his experience while working for the paper.
- ⑤ his interest in foreign cultures.

問4 Choose **four** out of the five options (①~⑤) and rearrange them in the order they happened.

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- ① He became a journalist.
- ② He sold his house.
- ③ He traveled around central Europe.
- ④ He went to Asia.
- ⑤ He went to Greece for the first time in decades.

問5 Choose the best option for .

- ① wherever you can afford to live
- ② wherever you can lie down to rest
- ③ wherever you go for a trip
- ④ wherever you have people you love