

### My school does not have walls

- 1 Meet Réka Kaponay – the Aussie teen who left behind her ordinary life back in Melbourne at the age of ten in exchange for something a little more unusual. During her travels the 13-year-old has visited 23 countries and has become fluent in three languages. Réka’s journey began three years ago with her twin brother Lalika and parents George and Bobi, as they set off for what they initially thought was a short trip to the US. But the Kaponay family, currently based in Spain, have not returned to Australia since they left. And they have no intention of coming back home any time soon. ‘So far every single country I’ve been to has given me a positive experience,’ Réka told *Daily Mail Australia*.
- 2 Réka, who is being home-schooled by her parents and speaks fluent English, Spanish and Hungarian, says she’s been taught lessons in life that she would have never learned in a classroom. ‘I do go to school – it just doesn’t have four walls,’ she said. ‘The experience I’m having now, I don’t think I can learn about it in a classroom. You would read about the kind of experiences I’m having in a book. But really, it is just so much more different to experience it all in real life.’
- 3 As part of their apparently endless journey, Réka and her family have vacationed at a long list of countries. But Réka says her most memorable experience so far would be the five days she spent living in the village of Choa Choa located in the high mountains of Peru – one of the most far-away places on the planet. ‘The people and the way in which they welcomed us was really inspiring. It’s the simple way they live – without electricity, TV or the Internet and yet, they had something a great deal more valuable. This is a place that makes you aware that you have to work together and not compete. This is the best lesson I have learned and it is something I am looking to develop in my travels – how we can share and all benefit from the experience.’
- 4 However, Réka does admit there is a downside to her chosen lifestyle. ‘The journey I’ve had so far wouldn’t be what it is without the people I’ve met along the way,’ she said. ‘When you have to leave behind the new friends you’ve made and say goodbye to them. That’s really hard. But of



course I realize that I'm very blessed and certainly don't take this lifestyle for granted,' she said. 'So I will not go back to traditional schooling and lifestyle that I once had. There are just so many places to explore and see.'

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- 1p 9 Wat wordt verteld over de familie Kaponay in alinea 1?
- A De familie besloot na een korte vakantie niet naar huis te gaan.
  - B De familie maakt elk jaar een reis naar een ander land.
  - C De familie probeert in een paar jaar de hele wereld rond te reizen.
- 1p 10 'I do go to school – it just doesn't have four walls' (alinea 2)  
Wat bedoelt Réka ermee dat ze niet naar een schoolgebouw toe gaat?
- A dat ze leert door veel boeken te lezen
  - B dat ze leert van haar ervaringen
  - C dat ze onderweg online les krijgt
- 1p 11 Wat is het **belangrijkste** dat Réka geleerd heeft tijdens haar reizen? (alinea 3)
- A dat mensen die weinig luxe hebben zo gastvrij kunnen zijn
  - B dat mensen goed met elkaar moeten kunnen samenwerken
  - C dat mensen zo ver van de bewoonde wereld gelukkig kunnen zijn
- 1p 12 Wil Réka nog blijven reizen volgens alinea 4?
- A Ja, want ze wil nog allerlei landen ontdekken.
  - B Misschien, want ze wil niet steeds afscheid nemen van vrienden.
  - C Nee, want ze wil weer naar een gewone school.