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B2 OPEN CLOZE:
BACKPACKING

Fill in the gaps in the text with one word. More than one answer may be possible.

Why choose backpacking?

Travelling is about education and opening your mind: learning _____ (1) the world, yourself and life in general, by having new and exciting experiences of other cultures in a totally new setting. The lessons are endless no matter where you are in the world, so if you've ever been backpacking, you'll know what we're talking about. Here are just a _____ (2) of things that every backpacker learns on their first jaunt around the world: The first thing is that there are good people everywhere, regardless _____ (3) background or cultural differences there will be a good soul willing to be polite to you and give you a little of their time or several handy tips to be able to get around their city. If you enter into an unfamiliar situation with a smile and some kind words (or gestures), you can find a friend in the most unlikely of places. As the saying goes, "a smile goes a long way". Next, you need _____ (4) less stuff than you realise. We _____ (5) get by with very few possessions; do not let them rule your life. Then, you need to know that backpacking will change your view on money, cheap prices might _____ (6) always seem _____ (7) as cheap as it used to. A meal for \$5 could make you think twice. Later, if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. If you go into something with an open mind, you can enjoy the little things in life with a lot more ease. And lastly, your body can cope _____ (8) a lot more than you ever thought, but it has its limits. Don't push them too much for too long or you could find yourself in a bit of trouble if you do not have enough energy to carry something out.

Answer sheet

1. about
2. couple
3. of
4. far
5. can
6. not
7. quite
8. with