INTERVIEWING AN AMERICAN # 1 NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



 **GETTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT AMERICAN CULTURE**

In this activity, you will learn about interesting places to visit in California or the U.S. by talking with two Americans about their favorite vacation spot. If you already know some Americans, you can talk with them. If not, this will be a good opportunity to meet new people here.

**Procedure:**

**1.** Introduce yourself to an American, explain your assignment, and ask permission to interview the person. (Also if you are planning to tape the interview, make sure that it’s all right.)

 **EX**: “Excuse me, in my English language class, we are studying about the United States. I have an assignment to interview Americans about their favorite vacation spot. “May I interview you? “ *(“Would it be all right with you if I record the interview?”)*

**Note**: If the person doesn’t have the time or ignores you, just say, ”Thanks, anyway.” Then try someone else! Look for friendly people. Find someone with time! If he or she agrees to the interview, thank him or her before you begin the interview, “Thanks a lot! I really appreciate it. By the way, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. What’s your name?”

**2.** Ask the person what his or her favorite vacation spot. Make sure you get the name of the place (correctly spelled). Ask him or her to describe the place, where it is, and what you can do there. When is the best time of year to go?, etc. Find out some interesting details!

**3**. Let the person know if you don’t understand something. For example, “I’m sorry…I don’t know what *‘snorkeling’* is. Can you explain this to me?” or “I’m sorry. I didn’t catch that.”

**4.** Ask at least 2 specific questions about his or her favorite vacation spot.

**5**. Thank the person again for his or her time. EX: ”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

**6.** Write down what you have learned in the form that follows. **Then interview a 2nd person**! In class you’ll be choosing the most interesting interview to talk about in your group. Then each group will be reporting to the class on the most interesting vacation spots.

**GRADING**: You will be graded on the written report of both your interviews, and also your participation in the group & class discussion. Come to class prepared to talk!

 ***INFORMATION ON INTERVIEW #1***

* Brief description of person interviewed, their name & how you know or met this person:

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* His or her favorite vacation spot and where it is located in the United States:

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* Why he or she likes this place and what there is to see and do there. Add details!

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* New words I learned from the interview and their meaning:

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 ***INFORMATION ON INTERVIEW #2***

* Brief description of person interviewed, their name & how you know or met this person:

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