

# 10B ■ Grammar and listening Around the world in one dance

**1 SPEAKING** Look at the photos and answer the questions. Then read the text and compare your answers to questions 1 and 2.

- 1 What is happening in the photos?
- 2 Why are they doing this?
- 3 What are the most popular dances in your country?
- 4 Do you enjoy dancing? Are you good at it?

## Dancing badly around the world

In 2003, Matt Harding, a video game designer working in Australia, decided to leave his job and travel around Southeast Asia with his friend Brad. Like most people travelling from place to place, they took photos and filmed short video clips of the places they visited. One day in Hanoi, Brad suggested that Matt did a silly dance in front of the camera. Matt, thinking the idea was great fun, agreed and from there, the idea grew. Matt made a video showing his silly dances all around the world and put it onto his blog. Gradually, more and more people began to talk about him. Matt's 'bad dancing' video, watched by millions of people, became an internet sensation. Matt was contacted by a chewing gum company. They loved his clips and wanted him to make a video for them. In 2006, Matt made a round-the-world tour sponsored by the company. But this time, something changed. Matt performed his silly dance in Rwanda. He inspired some Rwandan orphans watching him to dance, too. Suddenly, Matt had a new mission. He didn't want to dance around the world, he wanted to dance with the world. Matt's new videos, made in 2008 and 2012, have a sense of joy and community. They show crowds of people dancing and laughing together. In each place, he tried to learn new dances and persuade people to join in with him. Matt says, 'It helps to remind people that we're all the same and we don't need to be so afraid of each other.'



**2 SPEAKING** What do you think about Matt Harding's 'bad dancing' project? Discuss the quotes. Which do you agree / disagree with?

- 1 'It's just a really silly idea and a waste of time. He should get a proper job.'
- 2 'The videos are fun, but he's never going to change the world.'
- 3 'Projects like this are great because they make us more aware of the different cultures and people around the world.'

### Participle clauses

**3** Underline sentences in the text that have a similar meaning to sentences 1–6.

- 1 Matt Harding, a video game designer who was working in Australia, decided to leave his job.
- 2 Matt's 'bad dancing' video, which was watched by millions of people, became an internet sensation.
- 3 Like most people who travel from place to place they took photos and filmed short video clips of the places they visited.
- 4 Matt, who thought the idea was great fun, agreed and from there, the idea grew.
- 5 Matt inspired some Rwandan orphans who were watching him to dance, too.
- 6 They show crowds of people who are dancing and laughing together.

**4** Compare sentences 1–6 in exercise 3 with the sentences in the text. Then choose the correct answers.

- 1 We use the present participle (*-ing* form) to replace relative clauses containing active / passive verbs.
- 2 We use the past participle (*-ed* form) to replace relative clauses containing active / passive verbs.

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