

Video Clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPAbx5kgCJo>

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This clip could work well for different age groups and levels depending on the questions asked. I have chosen an intermediate level class of adults for this clip and tailored my questions accordingly. It is a clip from the Disney movie, “Moana.” Although I have not seen the movie, I stumbled on this clip and was impressed by the versatility of opportunities for use in a TESOL classroom. I like the song lyrics at the bottom. It provides an added learning dimension for students. Clearly, it is about a young girl who gazes at the ocean and dreams of excitement, adventure, and new experiences.

- What is the song about?
- How does the girl feel as she sings the song?
- What does “where I long to be” and “everything is by design” mean?
- How would you rephrase “there’s just no telling” as in “there’s just no telling how far I’ll go?”

Again, this clip can be used in different ways and different activities can be planned depending on the English level and the age group of the students. For intermediate adult students, the following activities could be planned with students:

Writing Assignment – After discussing the questions above and assessing the students’ comprehension of the video and its message, focus on the theme of aspirations, dreams, and interests. Ask students to write about their own aspirations. What were their personal aspirations at that age? What are their future aspirations? Have them write a paragraph or two. They could later use AI translation tools after the fact to check their grammar.

Virtual Field Trip – this would be a perfect exercise to tie in with this video clip. Have the students search for a virtual field trip about an island in the Pacific. It can be about Tahiti, Fiji, Samoa, Hawaii, or any other Polynesian destination. Students will share their virtual field trip

site with the class and describe what they learned about the destination through the virtual field trip. By sharing their virtual field trip, other students will also learn new things as well.

References