

Task 1

- *Draw three random vocabulary cards from our vocabulary list jar (Level 4)*
- *Work them into this story*

When I visited Moldova last summer, I signed up for a day-trip to Transnistria, a Soviet-styled breakaway republic, which is not recognised by a single UN country. There were numerous statues of Stalin around the capital Tiraspol, and happy-snappy as I am, I made the most of it.

When I was taking photos of the Government Building and the Stalin statue in front of it, a soldier came out and asked me to delete all the pictures with only the building in them. However, any picture of the Stalin statue in front of the building was OK. The soldier was polite and friendly, but watched over me closely as I deleted all the photos with only the building in them.

I left this tourist site with two questions: First, why is it OK to take a photo of the Government Building if you include the Stalin statue in your picture but not OK if you only take a photo of the building itself? Second, how is it possible that a soldier who knows exactly how to help tourists delete a photo on an iPhone doesn't know that the iPhone lets you recover deleted photos for up to 30 days? He did not know this, but I deleted the backups anyway. Respect is important when you travel, even if you don't always agree with local practices.