

Reading (20 %)

Unit 5

(Bloque 3 Comprensión escrita: 1. Identificar instrucciones; 5. Captar las ideas principales de textos periodísticos; Bloque 4 Producción escrita: 2. Escribir notas y mensajes con comentarios o indicaciones)

Tiny house, big benefits?

1 Today, many people are moving to 'Tiny Homes', houses that are usually no bigger than 2 37 sq metres. To imagine this, a typical home in the UK is between 70 and 90 sq metres, so it's a big difference in size.

4 Why are people moving to tiny houses? They have many advantages: a tiny house is 5 more environmentally friendly, smaller houses don't need lots of warming and use less 6 energy and because of this you save money on heating and lighting. You can also build a 7 tiny house using recycled materials and include solar panels.

8 Many families that live in tiny houses say that they spend more time outside doing 9 activities that they used to do inside, like reading and playing, and so they are closer to 10 nature and exercise more. Also, as there is less cleaning to do in a tiny house, everyone in 11 the family has more free time.

12 To make the change from a 'normal' house to a tiny house, you might need to give away 13 some things so you have less stuff. In a tiny house, you will probably have a smaller 14 fridge, wardrobe and bookshelf so you will need to make some changes, but many people 15 find that when you reduce your things you value and use them more. 16 Also, if you spend less money on possessions, then you have more money to enjoy other 17 experiences and adventures, like travelling or taking a class to learn something new. 18 Would you like to try the 'tiny' life with your family?

1. True or False. Give the line with the evidence. Example: T13 (It is true and the evidence is in line 13)

- 1 Tiny houses are smaller than an average house.
- 2 You will spend more on heating in a tiny house.
- 3 Some people find they do more exercise when they move to a tiny house.
- 4 Furniture might be a different size in a tiny house.
- 5 If you live in a tiny house, you might not have extra money to do other things.

2 Read the article again and choose the correct answers.

1 Why are tiny houses more environmentally friendly?

- a** Because they are made of bamboo.
- b** Because they don't need much energy.
- c** Because they need more heating.

2 What might change if you move to a tiny house?

- a** You might have more free time.
- b** You might buy more books.
- c** You might spend more time inside.

3 Why do some people reduce their possessions?

- a** Because they want to recycle things.
- b** Because they will have less space.
- c** Because they want to give things away.

4 What might happen if you have fewer things?

- a** You might use your things less.
- b** You might realise what things are important to you.
- c** You might think about what you need to buy.

5 What could you do if you save some money?

- a** You could get solar panels.
- b** You could buy a big fridge.
- c** You could visit new places