

Roadmap Video 2 Life on a narrowboat

1. Watch the video 2. Fill in the worksheet

R = Reporter S = Sophie SF = Sophie/ Finley F= Fin

3. Watch and check your answers

R: Hi, it's Will Best, your Roadmap reporter here. Today I am visiting one of London's canals because I want to find out what it's like to live on the water, on a canal boat or narrowboat as they're called.

During the 18th and early 19th 1 _____ many families lived and worked on canals like this one in London. Canals were built to help carry heavy goods around the country. But the development of roads and 2 _____ in the early twentieth century meant that jobs and people began to move away, and a unique way of life disappeared. But today, more and more people are choosing to live on the canal again. Like Sophie and Finley, who I'm about to meet.

R: Hey guys!

S: Hi.

R: How are you 3 _____? Will.

SF: Good, nice to meet you. I'm Sophie! I'm Finley.

R: Hi Sophie! Hi Finley! How's it going, guys? This is a beautiful boat!

S: Thank you.

R: She's lovely.

S: She is, would you like to come on board and have 3 _____ inside?

R: Yes, please I'd love that. Oh wow! Look at this! It's lovely.

F: Thanks.

R: Really, really nice, I mean it is small.

S: Yeah, it's really, really small. We've got about ten metres 4 _____ of living space but it's got everything that we need. We've got our sofa, stove to keep us 5 _____.

R: Kitchen over there and then ... oh!

S: Through to the bedroom.

R: Bedroom. Can I carry on?

S: Yeah.

R: Ahh, and here's the bedroom.

S: Yeah.

R: Very cosy, I love it!

R: Guys, the boat is beautiful.

SF: Thanks.



R: It's really nice, but what made you decide to 6 _____ on a canal boat?

S: There's a couple of things really. Firstly, we thought living on the water looks beautiful and it looks like a lot of fun; it looks really relaxing. And then, secondly, it's much 7 _____ than buying a house or living in a flat in London.

R: How 8 _____ is it living on a boat to living in a flat?

S: Really different.

F: Yeah, quite different.

S: Firstly, we've got to make all of our own 9 _____, so we've got the solar panel ...

R: Okay, yeah.

S: ... that we use, and then we've got to fix everything on the boat ourselves. We also have to move every two weeks, so we don't live in the same 10 _____ for very long.

R: Is it easy to steer?

S: Yeah, it's okay.

F: Quite easy, yeah, yeah, yeah.

S: Do you fancy having a go?

R: Yes, please! That would be great!

SF: Ha ha ha ha.

R: Right, okay. It doesn't look too 11 _____.

S: Yeah, so to start moving off Fin will undo the ropes for us and then we'll need to turn the 12 _____ on.

R: Okay.

S: We'll use the throttle here to 13 _____ forward, and then this is the tiller. This is what you'll be using to steer the boat. When you turn right the boat will turn left, and when you move this left the boat will 14 _____ right.

R: Alright then, get her started! As long as we stay at this kind of speed I think I'll be okay.

S: Nice.

R: What's that it looks like a gate?

S: That's a lock.

R: What do we do?

S: We'll stop, and I'll tell you how we go 15 _____ it.

R: Okay. Sophie tells me a lock is a section of canal with a gate at each end. The gates control how much water is in the lock.

S: So, locks allow boats to go up or downhill. We're going to go 16 _____ this time. So, we need to raise the levels of the water.

R: Okay, how do we do that?

S: Take this, put it on there and turn it to let more 17 _____ in.

R: After the water has filled up the lock, the gate can be opened. It's really hard! Now Finley can drive the boat into the lock. We're 18 _____ the first gate, so no more water can come in. We need to release the water from the lock to lower the boat to the next level. Once the water is low we open the second gate so Finley can drive the boat out.

R: Excellent parking, Fin.

F: Excellent lock working.



R: Oh, thank you very much, cheers. Thank you, Sophie. Thank you so much for 19 _____ me drive your home. Did I do okay?

S: You did really well. You actually deserve the captain's hat.

R: Oh, thank you so much. Look at that! Well look, I'll let you guys carry on, on your journey down the canal, but, I'll see you again soon hopefully.

SF: Yep, see you soon, nice to meet you.

R: Thanks, guys. Bye! Sophie and Fin have 20 _____ me a completely different way of living, and now that I've learnt how to steer a boat and I've got a captain's hat, I should probably get a narrowboat of my own. This is Will, your Roadmap reporter, signing off.

Match the English and Czech terms:

carry goods

engine

fix

lock

release

rope

solar panel

stove

steer

throttle

tiller

provaz

uvolnit, vypustit

solární panel

škrticí klapka

kamna

převážet zboží

řídít (=měnit směr)

kormidelní páka

motor (spalovací)

opravit, opravovat

zdymadlo

What are these?

