

READING

- 1 Read the text. Then write the numbers below next to the correct sentences.

Making a Difference

Peter Larson, from Minnesota, USA, finished high school in 2012. Like many other school students, he had a nice home and a very good life. But surprisingly, Peter didn't always sleep in a warm bed. For a number of weeks every winter, he went outside at night, climbed into a box and went to sleep in the cold. It's very cold in Minnesota – sometimes -10°C !

So why did Peter do this? Some people haven't got homes and life is very difficult for them. Peter wanted people in his town to think about these homeless people and donate money to help them. Peter started sleeping outside when he was seven, and during the next 11 years he spent about 300 nights in his box. His plan was very successful. Thousands of people heard about Peter's actions and they donated a total of more than \$400,000 to help poor families.

Peter worked with a special organisation. For every \$500 he gave the organisation, it helped one family find a home. This way, Peter helped hundreds of families. One teenager really can make a difference!



11 • seven • -10 • 400,000 • 500 • hundreds

- 1 This sum of money gave one family a home.

- 2 Peter was this age when he started sleeping outside.

- 3 Peter collected this much money for poor people.

- 4 This is the number of families Peter helped.

- 5 This is the winter temperature in Minnesota.

- 6 Peter slept outside for this number of years.

- 2 Answer the questions.

- 1 In what ways was Peter like many other school students?

- 2 Why did Peter decide to sleep outside in the cold?

- 3 How do we know Peter's plan was successful?

- 4 What is the writer's conclusion about Peter's achievements?
