

LISTENING

1. Listen to five people talking about their homes. Write *T* (True) or *F* (False).

1. Speaker One's daughter never cleans the bathroom.		_____
2. Speaker Two sometimes reads a book in the bath.		_____
3. Speaker Three usually uses a microwave, but not a dishwasher.		_____
4. Speaker Four doesn't watch TV with her brother.		_____
5. Speaker Five helps his parents by putting plates in the dishwasher.		_____

1. Listen to five people talking about their homes. Complete the sentences.

1. Speaker One thinks Emma's _____ is really untidy.
2. Speaker Two sometimes _____ when she's in the bath.
3. Speaker Three's favourite room is the _____ .
4. Speaker Four doesn't watch TV with her brother in the _____ .
5. Speaker Five cleans the _____ to earn pocket money.

READING

2. Read the article for a school magazine. Answer the questions.

There's no place like home

You don't really think about your home until you don't have it. I never thought about my home until we moved away. My life changed when Dad came home from work a couple of months ago to tell us about his new job. 'So what?,' I thought to myself. And then he said: 'The new job is in Berlin'.

And now, two months later, here we are, living in an apartment close to Berlin's city centre. I'm going to an international school because I don't speak German and this is an important year for me because I need to pass some big exams in the summer. Our lessons are all in English but because Dad's here for the next five years, I must learn German!

Like the language, everything around me is very new. But I like being in the city because it's more interesting than being in a small town. It's easy to travel around because the public transport is brilliant and it's cheaper than back home. There are so many amazing things to see and do.

Life is exciting, but I miss my friends back home. We call online and email and I keep in contact with everyone on social networking sites. I hope that I can go back home in the holidays and that some of my friends can come and visit too – I really miss talking to them in person.

What other things do I miss? Well, I miss my old room because it was bigger than the room I have now. I know Mum misses the garden because she liked to grow lots of vegetables but I don't think Dad misses anything and my sister is never at home so I don't know what she misses! Anyway, this is home now!

1. Why was the writer surprised by his father's news?

2. Why is the writer going to an international school in Berlin?

3. Why does the writer prefer living in a city?

4. How does the writer communicate with his old friends?

5. What did his mum enjoy doing in their old house?
