

## IT'S PARADISE!

Read about Ritchie Sowa and complete the text with the words in the box.

Three words are extra.

AWAY	SUNNY	ELECTRIC	FARM	TOURISTS
DIFFERENT	PLANTS	PLASTIC	POWER	ISLAND
PULL	SAME	DESERT	NEAR	

The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe is the story of life on a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ island in the 18th century. Richie Sowa, from Middlesbrough in the UK, is a 21st century Robinson Crusoe. His home is an (2) \_\_\_\_\_ near Cancun in Mexico. But Richie's island is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ because he built it himself – with 250,000 (4) \_\_\_\_\_ bottles!

The island is covered in sand, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and trees. There are three beaches, two ponds, a house and a small waterfall. The weather in Cancun is hot and (6) \_\_\_\_\_, so Richie who is an artist and a musician, uses solar (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He has got a solar cooker, a shower, a toilet, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ lights a CD player and even a washing machine.

The island is attached to the shore with a rope. The shore is only seven metres (9) \_\_\_\_\_ so Richie can (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his island to the shore with the rope. Sometimes he moves his floating home to different places around the coast.

A lot of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ visit Richie's island, and last year, an ecology student stayed there and he studied Richie's way of life. 'It's paradise!' he said.

### EXERCISE 1: True (T), False (F) or not given (NG)

- 1 Richie Sowa's hometown is in England. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 He has been living in Mexico since 2008. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 He built his island with 250,000 plastic cups. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Richie has got a washing machine. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The island isn't attached to the shore. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 He normally spends cold winters in Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 An ecology student thinks that Richie lives in paradise. \_\_\_\_\_