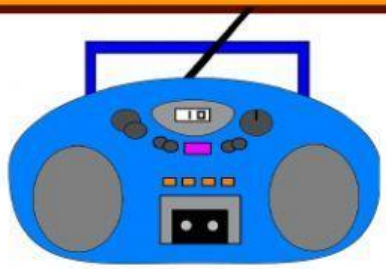


Test B1



1 Listen and choose the correct answers.

1 Where did the writer live?

 A  B  C

2 Where is the plumber going to work?

 A  B  C

3 Which is Mr Patten's house?

 A  B  C

4 What did Elliot eat first?

 A  B  C

5 What was Bob's job?

 A  B  C

6 What is the girl watching on TV?

 A  B  C

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Test B1



Life on board

Buying a house is expensive, so more and more people are finding an alternative on the water. Meet three people who are pleased with their new homes and happy to share their stories.



Chrissie

I used to live in a terraced house with my best friend Beth. It was in a very noisy neighbourhood and it wasn't cheap. I asked Beth if she wanted to find another place, and while we were looking, we saw a TV show about people living on houseboats. 'That's a great idea!' we thought – and here we are! It's a good life; it's quiet and peaceful, but we don't have much space. Our kitchen is small, so we eat fresh food most days, and we have created a tomato garden on the roof! We move the boat to a different location every two weeks. We work online, so it's easy. I love living like this but there is one problem: it's very cold in winter!

Patrick

My wife and I used to live in London but it's expensive. We were thinking of changing jobs when my aunt went to live in Italy. She used to own this houseboat and she sold it to us. It's wonderful, and peaceful too. I'm from a small village and I never got used to noisy London. Sadly, we left almost everything in our old house, because this is smaller and we can't have heavy furniture. However, we're interior designers, so it was the perfect project for us. We're very proud of our new home!

Zoe

John and I retired three years ago, and our daughters left home two years ago, so our house in Amsterdam was too big. We enjoy travelling, and buying this houseboat sounded like the perfect plan. We bought the houseboat, sold our cars and got new bicycles. When we visit a new country, we explore the place on our bikes. We're in the UK for the winter now, but last month we were travelling in Greece. We love the freedom! The only thing I don't like is that I can only read e-books because we haven't got any space for a bookcase on the boat!

1 Chrissie didn't use to
- **A** share her house with anyone.
- **B** live with Beth.
- **C** have any neighbours.
- **D** live so quietly.

2 Why do Chrissie and Beth eat fresh food so often?
- **A** They have a garden.
- **B** They don't have a big kitchen.
- **C** They don't live in a town.
- **D** Their lifestyle is very simple.

3 Patrick's aunt
- **A** lived in London.
- **B** lives in a different country.
- **C** used to live with Patrick.
- **D** bought Patrick's old house.

4 Patrick and his wife
- **A** enjoy life in big cities.
- **B** were both born in small villages.
- **C** designed the interior of their houseboat.
- **D** miss living in London.

5 Zoe and John
- **A** visited Greece before the UK.
- **B** travelled to Amsterdam in summer.
- **C** had bought the houseboat before they retired.
- **D** travelled to the UK by car.

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