

# Different lives

## 1 Reading

Look quickly at the text and choose the best answer. Then read and check.

This text comes from ...

a a website. b a story book. c a letter.

**Different lives!**

**This week:** Rebecca, from Pennsylvania in the USA

We are an Amish family. My life is different from other children's lives in many ways. In the morning, we always get up at five o'clock and do jobs – we clean the house, make the beds or feed the chickens. Then we go to a school for Amish children.

At home we speak Pennsylvania Dutch, but at school we learn English and German. Amish girls learn how to cook, sew clothes and clean. Amish boys learn how to cut wood, do farm work and drive a horse and cart. We don't drive cars.

In our free time, we like horse-riding, skating, fishing and ball games. There isn't electricity in our homes, so we never watch TV, or use computers or phones. In the evenings, we usually play board games, read by candle light or make toys. We always go to bed early because we get up very early the next day!

## 2 Comprehension

Read again. Correct these sentences.

1 Amish people's lives are the same as other people's lives.

*Amish people's lives are different from other people's lives.*

2 Amish children go to school with non-Amish children.

3 Amish children speak English at home.

4 All Amish children learn to clean and cook.

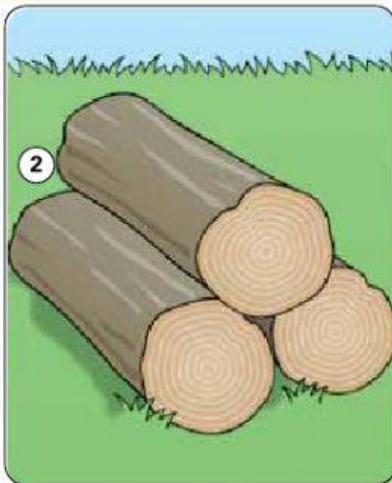
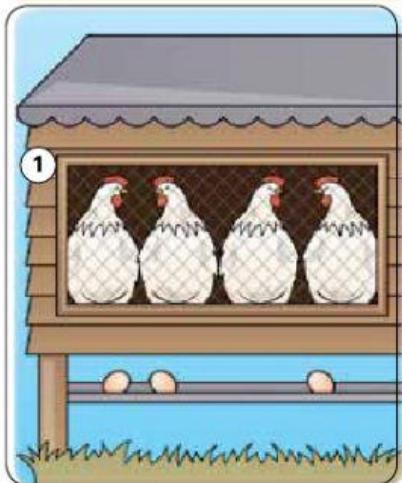
5 Rebecca's parents have a car.

6 Amish children stay up late at night.

### 3 Vocabulary

Label the pictures with the words in the box.

cut wood chickens horse and cart board game candle light



Chickens



### Writing

a) Imagine you visit Rebecca and her family at her home. Make notes to answer these questions.

- What do you do on a typical day?
- What things do you like about Amish life?
- What things don't you like?
- What do you miss about home?

b) Write a letter to your parents about life in an Amish family. Use your notes from Activity 4a.