

# READING

## 1 Read the adverts and choose TRUE or FALSE.

### FLATS AND HOUSES TO RENT

**Blossom Tower** is a modern flat for a family. There are five bedrooms, two bathrooms and a balcony. It also has a living room and a very big kitchen with a new fridge, cooker and dishwasher. This flat is on the second floor of Blossom Tower which is opposite the park. The area is quite quiet and it's just a short walk to schools, shops and a hairdresser.

**Riverview** is a beautiful old house with parking space for two cars. There are two bedrooms, a bathroom and a small study upstairs. Downstairs there's a living room, a dining room and a lovely old kitchen. The house is over 150 years old and there are fireplaces in all the rooms but there is also a new central heating system. There aren't any neighbours but the house is just outside a small village and from the kitchen window there is a fantastic view of the river. It is a 20-minute drive to the town of Belmont or you can get a bus from the bus stop in front of the house.

**The Crofts** is a town house with three floors, built in the 1980s. It is in a popular area of Belmont, near the river. People often choose The Crofts because the houses are very large and comfortable. Also, the house is a 5-minute walk from the train station and there are trains to London every hour. There are two bedrooms and a bathroom on the first floor and there are two more bedrooms on the top floor with another small bathroom. The house has 3 rooms downstairs: a living room, a kitchen and a dining room. Behind the house there is a long garden and there is also a garage to park your car in.

Example: Blossom Tower is a town house.

TRUE / FALSE

1 You can walk to school from Blossom Tower.

TRUE / FALSE

2 The flat is on the third floor.

TRUE / FALSE

3 Riverview has three bedrooms.

TRUE / FALSE

4 Riverview doesn't have central heating.

TRUE / FALSE

5 In Riverview, there's a bus stop in front of the house. TRUE / FALSE

6 There are some nice neighbours next to Riverview. TRUE / FALSE

7 It is easy to get to London from The Crofts.

TRUE / FALSE

8 There's a garden in The Crofts.

TRUE / FALSE

**2 Read the adverts again. Write *Blossom Tower*, *Riverview*, or *The Crofts* next to each sentence.**

Example: It isn't in a town. Riverview

1 You can park in the garage. \_\_\_\_\_

2 It has a new cooker and dishwasher. \_\_\_\_\_

3 There is one bathroom. \_\_\_\_\_

4 You can hear trains. \_\_\_\_\_

5 It has new central heating. \_\_\_\_\_

6 It's easy to get the bus. \_\_\_\_\_

7 It's a good place for a family to live. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Read the text and choose A, B, or C.

#### **Our class – the food we eat and when we eat it**

The students in our English class are from three different countries: Italy, Japan and Brazil. After talking about typical food and our daily routines at home, we found that we all have breakfast, lunch and dinner. But we were surprised about how different these meals are!

##### **Italy**

A typical Italian breakfast, or *pranzo*, isn't very big; just coffee and some kind of cake. Our delicious cappuccino coffee is famous all over the world. Another Italian food that everybody knows is pasta but this isn't the main part of lunch. We have two dishes, the first is pasta and then the second is meat or fish with vegetables. Lunch is usually from 1-3 p.m. and it's often bigger than dinner which starts at 7 or 8 p.m.

##### **Japan**

In Japan we really like rice and in the past everybody ate it for breakfast. Now, a lot of Japanese people have European-style food instead when they get up. We are big fans of fish and seafood and a lot of Japanese people prefer green tea to coffee. In general, our meals are smaller than in Brazil or Italy and we think they're healthier too. One popular thing in Japan is *bento*. This is a kind of lunch box which you can make at home or buy at the shop on the way to the office. It's very beautiful and sometimes takes a long time for a chef to make it.

##### **Brazil**

Like the Italians, Brazilian people eat a lot of food at lunchtime. A favourite place for lunch in Brazil is called a *churrascaria*. In this kind of restaurant you can enjoy steak and other meat but you need to be hungry! If you don't like eating a large lunch, you can buy some street food like *pastel de queijo*, which is a hot snack with cheese inside. We have dinner later than the Italians at around 8.30 p.m. and it's family time.

Example: All the students eat 3 meals a day at home. **TRUE** / FALSE

1 The Italians drink coffee for breakfast. TRUE / FALSE

2 They often have three dishes. TRUE / FALSE

3 Dinner in Italy usually finishes around 9 p.m. TRUE / FALSE

4 In Japan, most people don't often  
eat rice for breakfast. TRUE / FALSE

5 Lunch is bigger in Japan than in Italy. TRUE / FALSE

6 Only chefs can make *bento*. TRUE / FALSE

7 *Pastel de queijo* is from Brazil. TRUE / FALSE

#### 4 Read the text again and choose the correct answer.

Example: In the three countries, breakfast, lunch and dinner are **the**  
**same** / **different**.

1 Italian people eat **a dish** / **two dishes** of pasta for lunch.

2 Lunch in Italy takes **two hours** / **one hour**.

3 **Green tea** / **coffee** is popular in Japan.

4 A lot of Japanese people love **chicken** / **fish**.

5 *Bento* is something you have for **lunch** / **breakfast**.

6 You eat a lot of **cheese** / **meat** in a *churrascaria*.

7 In Brazil, people have dinner with their **family** / **friends**.

8 Dinner in Brazil usually starts **before** / **after** dinner in Italy.