

### U3 Synthèse de documents on Co-housing.

1. Read these questions carefully.

#### Document A

**b) Which of the following elements concerning housing are mentioned in this text?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cohousing can be expensive.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> It might not be safe for children.       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You pay to become a member of the community.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets are allowed.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You experience social advantages.               | <input type="checkbox"/> There is not so much space for storage.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You may have neighbours you dislike.            | <input type="checkbox"/> You can choose the colour of your house. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It is not easy to have a private life.          | <input type="checkbox"/> You meet nice people.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Everything has to be approved by the community. |   |

**c) Focus on the sentences you have ticked in exercise 1**

b1) Put together those which refer to the same aspect and write them in the two columns.

b2) Give each column a headline / title.

| Title/ headline                        |  |  |
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| Elements that refer to the same aspect |  |  |

2. Look at what is written around the text.

Make a presentation of this document:

type of document :

author:

sate of publication:

title:

main topic (use synonyms):

3. Now read document A with your highlighters:

who ? people talked about  
people talking

where? places

when ? time

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## The Good and the Bad of Cohousing

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Despite the many benefits of living in a cohousing environment, there are also many drawbacks that must be considered. Property cost, which can be higher than competitive housing as discussed above, combined with potentially steep membership dues, may make cohousing unaffordable. Additionally, owners may not have complete control over their property should they

5 decide to sell since many communities have right to first buying refusal. Others may discover that they do not use the common facilities yet have no way to avoid paying the associated dues since they are part of the ownership contract. [...]

While most members enjoy the social benefits, cohousing can also be invasive and restrictive in regards to privacy and individualism. Because of the open nature of the communities where

10 members are highly involved in each others' lives, private news and gossip can become common knowledge. Also, without fences it is difficult to determine where one member's property begins and ends, and property appearance, such as the color of paint on a house, must be agreed upon by the entire community in many cases. Clutter from children's toys, tools and other items also proves to be troublesome because storage and garage space are often either

15 minimal or non existent.

4. Now you are ready to answer the questions.

5. Recap in French what is explained in this document.

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