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WRITING

A description of an unusual lifestyle

I can describe places and lifestyles.

- 1 Complete Matt's article for his school magazine with the words below.

evening got home usually view weekdays

My unusual lifestyle

by Matt Thompson

Most people live in a house or flat, but my ¹home is in a boat. I always have a ² of water! It's ³ three bedrooms and a small living area. There's a kitchen and a bathroom too. Although it's small, it's warm and comfortable. We haven't got much technology. However, I've got a tablet in case I want to go online to chat with friends or watch films in the ⁴.

I live with my parents and my sister. We ⁵ stay in one place during school time. I get up early on ⁶ because I help look after the boat. We don't have a car, so I always walk to school. In the school holidays, we travel around. I like this lifestyle because I visit interesting places. Also, I meet lots of different people – as well as my school friends, I've got friends all over the country!



- 2 Read the text again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 ☐ Matt can't use the internet on his boat.
- 2 ☐ Four people live on Matt's boat.
- 3 ☐ Matt and his family never stay in one place for more than a few weeks.
- 4 ☐ Matt enjoys his lifestyle.

- 3 Match paragraphs 1-2 in the text with topics a-b.

- a ☐ description of family and lifestyle
- b ☐ description of home

- 4 Look at the words in bold in the text. Then choose the correct option.

- 1 My home isn't very big. *Although / However*, I enjoy living in it.
- 2 I meet lots of interesting people, so / because I never get bored.
- 3 There's an extra bed in the living area as well as / in case we want to invite friends to stay.
- 4 There's a living area inside the boat and there's space outside as well as / too.
- 5 *Although / However* my sister likes our lifestyle, she would prefer to live in a house.
- 6 Our lifestyle isn't expensive. Too / Also, it's good for the environment.

- 5 Complete Anna's notes about her home and lifestyle with the words below.

bedrooms camper-van get up lifestyle
morning never tablet university

HOME

- home: modern ¹camper van
- rooms: two ², small kitchen and shower room
- small, quite comfortable, sometimes cold in the ³
- TV; no internet connection, but have a ⁴ I can use in cafés

FAMILY AND LIFESTYLE

- mum, dad and sister
- usually ⁵ early – help with food and jobs
- ⁶ go to school – study with mum and dad
- want to go to ⁷ one day
- enjoy the way we live – travel all over the world
- interesting ⁸ – meet lots of people

- 6 Write a description of Anna's home and lifestyle. Follow the instructions below.

- 1 Use the text in Exercise 1 as a model.
- 2 Write two paragraphs:
 - paragraph 1: Anna's home
 - paragraph 2: Anna's family and lifestyle.
- 3 Use connectors and time expressions.
- 4 Use the Present Simple.