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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.