



EXAMEN DE COMPRESIÓN LECTORA

PRE-READING

- I. **What is meant by the term 'co-living'? Choose the best description.**
 1. a supermarket that is owned and operated by the people who shop and work there
 2. owning a residence, but sharing common areas such as car parks or gardens
 3. helping a neighbour and complying with their requests
 4. a modern form of housing where residents with similar interests and values share a living space
- II. **Read the following, please.**

Welcome to Haven

Designed for those who want to make the most of life.

CO-LIVING IS A NEW WAY TO LIVE

A way of living focused on a genuine sense of community, using shared spaces and facilities to create a more convenient and fulfilling lifestyle.

COMMUNITY

Join a community of like-minded young people, living, working and playing under one roof. Regular social events and amazing shared spaces.

CONVENIENCE

A hassle-free living experience that lets you focus on the things that really matter. All-inclusive billing, concierge service and room cleaning as standard.

A Shared Sanctuary

Co-living is 'the new way to live', according to the owners of Haven, a beautiful residence in the heart of central Atlanta, USA. You may wonder what Haven is. Is it just another upmarket complex of city-centre apartments? What does 'co-living' mean?

Co-living, a type of shared urban residence, usually offers furnished apartments, communal kitchens and common spaces. It's a bit like having flatmates, but rather than two or three, residents may share their living space with as many as twenty people, or even more.



Every morning in Haven, a mansion of over four thousand square metres, the residence's twenty-four inhabitants trample over one another in the kitchen before work. Space can be a little tight in there. The kitchen features three ovens, four refrigerators and five microwaves. But the stampede is to see who shares the best smoothie breakfast drink. Residents are unstinting in their generosity and conviviality. It's not uncommon to find them catching up on their careers and love lives before 7.30 a.m.

In addition to a generous kitchen, Haven has twelve bedrooms, sixteen bathrooms, a massive two-storey rotunda with a marble staircase, a banquet-size dining room that can accommodate fifty people, an indoor swimming pool and a large library with ergonomic workspaces and fast internet connections. The manicured grounds afford even more goodies: an outdoor swimming pool, a barn for parties, charcoal and gas barbecues, a tennis court and a gazebo whose use hasn't yet been determined.

'What's the attraction, apart from all the amenities?' you may ask. Co-living seems a bit too reminiscent of life in a university hall of residence. While some of us cannot fathom the idea of communal life, many *millennials* (those who reached adulthood in the early twenty-first century) find it very enticing. Most residents of Haven are under thirty.

One attraction that is often mentioned is to do with social media. Haven residents say that even though most younger people these days are always connected to social networks; they can end up feeling surprisingly lonely. They go on to explain that living in a house jam-packed with people can counteract those negative feelings of isolation and digital connections can be substituted with real friendships. Another reason they give is being strapped for cash. They say that it is virtually impossible for young adults on low incomes to save or make large investments. 'Co-living is cheaper for someone less well-off than paying a mortgage or renting something,' according to one long-term resident.

It seems like Haven inhabitants might have a strong argument, at least when it comes to money. Just about everything in Haven is communal – utilities, laundry, fitness facilities and even soft drinks. All residents pay the same amount in rent, which is reasonable, but not cheap. Where they save is in only paying a fixed rent.

III. Read the advertisement again and answer the questions.

1. How is Haven a 'convenient' living option?
2. How would you describe Haven residents?
3. 'Sharing' leads to what kind of lifestyle?
4. What does Haven offer in terms of entertainment?



IV. Read the article again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1. Living space in Haven is extremely cramped. | TRUE FALSE |
| 2. Haven residents have to share one kitchen. | TRUE FALSE |
| 3. Haven is located in an upmarket suburban neighbourhood. | TRUE FALSE |
| 4. The rent at Haven is not expensive. | TRUE FALSE |

V. Match the words and phrases from the texts (1–8) with those with a similar meaning a)–h).

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| 1. hassle-free | a) rush |
| 2. unstinting | b) including everything |
| 3. jam-packed | c) given generously |
| 4. all-inclusive | d) crowded |
| 5. conviviality | e) shared |
| 6. stampede | f) sociability |
| 7. communal | g) effortless |
| 8. reminiscent of | h) comparable to |

VI. Read the article and answer the questions.

1. What have I learned from this article?
2. Is the article written in a formal or informal style?
3. What ideas and phrases does the author use to create a connection with the reader?
4. Are there any collocations in paragraph 1? Identify them.



Save a Life by Gifting Water

When was the last time you had a nice, cold glass of water on a scorching hot day? Think of that glass right now. Picture pressing it to your warm forehead and then your cheeks, just before taking a long sip. Feel the chill as it caresses your lips and cascades down your throat. Every cell in your body cries out in celebration as the water quenches your thirst. If you can imagine this scenario, then you're one of the luckiest people in the world.

More than 663 million people live without clean drinking water according to H2EAU, a charitable organisation that provides clean drinking water to those in need in developing countries. H2EAU explains that many people have little choice but to consume dirty, bacteria-filled water alongside their livestock. H2EAU chairperson, Benjamin Simmons, speaking of a mother losing unborn children, says that water is supposed to give and nourish life, but when it's contaminated it takes one away every nineteen seconds.

Life isn't the only precious thing that can be lost. Young people are often deprived of an education. Many have to walk several hours to try to collect water. In consequence, they miss classes, fall behind, and cannot break out of this ongoing but inevitable cycle. Eventually children are forced to abandon school altogether.

Most of us don't realise how fortunate we are. We have cold water to drink and clean with, and warm water to cook and bathe in. Another thing we have is the opportunity to help. H2EAU now makes donations easier through a new *birthday* feature on their website. In lieu of a gift, family and friends can offer clean water to someone in need. Everything is done online and the birthday boy or girl is notified of the gift of clean drinking water.

Research has shown a strong link between altruism and happiness. Mary O'Connor agrees. 'Since I've been donating,' she says, 'the idea that I've used a birthday present to help a child attend school has me smiling all day.' Michael Robertson shares the same sentiments. 'When I think that I may have saved a baby's life, I'm walking on cloud nine and reaching a hand down to you. Come on, donate your birthday gifts and join me,' he encourages.



VII. Choose the correct paragraph and set in the correct line.

Paragraph 1

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

Paragraph 4

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