READING

A magazine article

1 ★★ **Read the article. In your opinion, which is the best place to live in?** _____

No place like home



In this week's edition of *City Life*, we ask two 13-year-olds about living in London. What do they like about where they live? Is there anything they don't like?

'I live in an apartment building in Wembley, in the north-west of London. It's got 21 floors! I live on the second to top floor. City life isn't as quiet as life in the country, but it's very quiet so high up, and the views are amazing. I can see Wembley football stadium from my bedroom window, and I can sometimes hear the crowd when they score a goal! We live near a canal, and I can cycle to school in five minutes along the canal path. It's great to live here. I only think my apartment isn't as good as a house when the lift doesn't work!'

Kelly



'I live in a row of houses in a part of London called Camden. It takes me about ten minutes to walk to school from home. There's a famous market nearby called Camden Lock. It's very popular with street musicians – and tourists, of course! The houses in my street are all painted different colours, but I don't like that very much. I think it's too colourful! My room is at the top of my house. The ceiling isn't as high as I'd like, but the room is big enough for just me. From my window, I can watch the boats and barges go past on the Regent's Canal at the end of our garden. I love living in my house.'

Hasan

2 ★★ **Read the article again and check the meaning of these words in a dictionary. Then complete the sentences.**

barge canal crowd ~~floor~~ path row

1 We stayed on the top *floor* of an apartment building in New York.
2 We sat on the front _____ of chairs during the class presentations.
3 My Dutch friend lives on a houseboat on a _____.
4 A type of boat called a _____ transports things along rivers and canals.
5 To get to the village, follow this _____.
6 There was a big _____ of people after the car accident.

3 ★★ **Circle the correct answers.**

1 *City Life* magazine asked Kelly and Hasan about … in London.
a cycling b going to school
(c) living

2 Kelly lives on the … floor.
a 20th b 21st c 2nd

3 She likes ….
a living high up b walking to school
c watching football

4 Hasan's house is in ….
a a market b a row
c Camden Lock

5 He doesn't like the … in his street.
a tourists b coloured houses
c musicians

6 From his bedroom, he can see ….
a market stalls b coloured houses
c boats and barges

4 ★★★ **Answer the questions with your own ideas.**

1 How are the houses in the article similar to your house?

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2 Name one good thing and one bad thing about living in a tall building.

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