

3 Read the article below and for each question, choose the correct answer. Use the questions in *italics* to help you.



Most teenagers live in flats or houses, but right now Sonia Ruiz is waking up somewhere in the Pacific Ocean because her home is a 20-metre boat. She has (1) over half her life sailing with her mother and father, who are both scientists.

Sonia's unusual (2) of life means she regularly sees whales and gets to swim with dolphins, and she has (3) friends all over the world. She does her schoolwork online and her studies are going well.

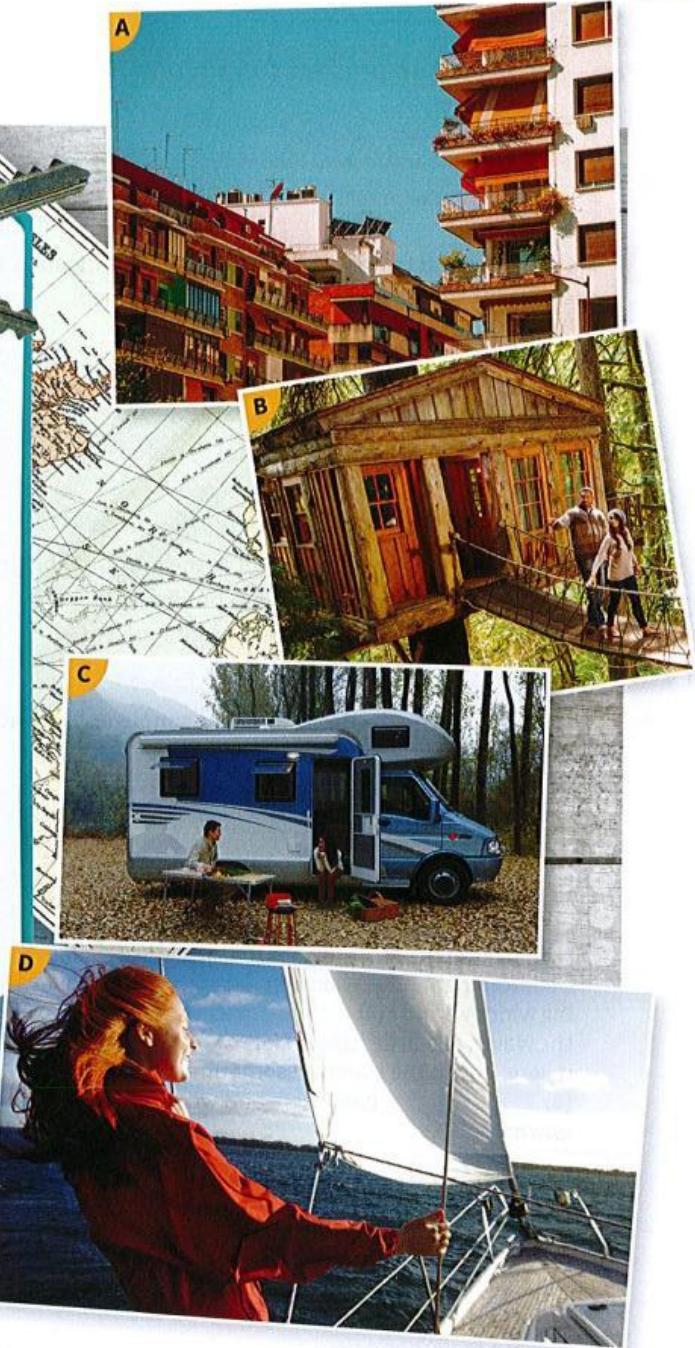
Life on board, though, is sometimes uncomfortable. Space is limited, so there are no wide-screen TVs or soft sofas.

Bad (4) that lasts for days is common, (5) in winter. Storms at sea can be frightening, although modern boat equipment usually helps sailors (6) them.

Sonia loves her boat and she nearly always feels safe on it. She contacts friends by using social media and whenever they get together, they have great fun in the sea and on the beach.



- Which word do we use with a period of time?
A passed B used C taken D spent
- Which noun often goes with 'of life'?
A path B way C road D track
- Which verb often goes with 'friends'?
A added B formed C caught D made
- Which noun often goes with 'bad'?
A climate B forecast C weather
D temperature
- Which adverb means 'especially'?
A particularly B extremely
C completely D absolutely
- Which verb means 'keep away from'?
A prevent B control C avoid D remove



4 Work in small groups. Which of these would you like? Which wouldn't you like? Give reasons.

- often going to different places
- rarely seeing friends
- never going to school
- making new friends around the world
- having very little space at home
- living close to nature all the time

5 Do you think it's good for a teenager to live like Sonia? Why / Why not?