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Narrator: You will hear two friends talking about the kind of flat they would like to live in.

Boy: Wouldn't it be great to live right at the top of that block of flats, with views across the city?

Girl: Nice views are fine but I'm not very keen on lifts. I think I'd rather be on the floor. It'd be to live in a building that's from a bus stop, too.

Boy: Or an station.

Girl: Right. But the most important thing for me would be to have my own room, so it'd have to be a three-bedroom apartment.

Boy: I don't mind sharing with my brother, so two would be enough for me.

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Narrator: You will hear a boy telling his friend about changing school.

Girl: I haven't seen you for a long time. How do you feel about your new school?

Boy: Well, before I moved at the beginning of January, I thought it'd be difficult to make friends with people in my new class, but they've given me a really warm . Of course I'm that I don't anyone from my school, but there's nothing I can do about that. My studies seem to be going better than I'd expected, too, so making the change hasn't been too hard, really.

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Narrator: You will hear a girl talking about a trip to the beach.

Boy: How was your day out?

Girl: Great! The bus left early on Saturday so I had to get up at 5 a.m., but that meant we got to the beach really early.

Boy: Did you go for a swim?

Girl: Yes, I thought I would enjoy that but it was a bit so we a little boat instead and sailed round the bay. That was fun, too, but not having a game of volleyball. We're going there again in July when it'll be too hot for beach sports, but swimming in the sea will be wonderful!

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Narrator: You will hear two friends talking about the town where they live.

Girl: It's quite a good place to live, isn't it? I mean, for a small town.

Boy: Yes, and it's probably about the right size, too. In bigger places there are problems like street crime, especially at night, here you feel anywhere, really.

Girl: That's true, although everywhere you go round here, the roads are really . All that noise and pollution is horrible early in the morning.

Boy: I . I wish people would or go by instead.

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Narrator: You will hear a boy talking to a friend about a shop.

Girl: I don't really know this part of town. Where's the best place to buy a t-shirt?

Boy: The little shop on the corner isn't bad. The range of things there is a bit [] but just about everything is amazingly good value, especially if you compare it to the bigger shops.

Girl: The one opposite the station?

Boy: Yes, you can find almost anything you want there but it always seems to be really [], with lots of people [] to pay because it's [] of staff.

Girl: Thanks – I'll definitely avoid that one.

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Narrator: You will hear two friends talking about their homes.

Boy: I like my room, though I haven't got much space for my things.

Girl: Mine's about the right size really, but I know what you mean. My cupboards and shelves are far too small.

Boy: At least mine's got big windows, so I get plenty of sunshine.

Girl: I do too, though it's a [] I [] turn the [] up in [].

Boy: Does it get noisy? It can do at my place, especially in the morning rush hour.

Girl: My flat mate complains about traffic noise waking her up too! But I'm on the inside of the building, so I [] notice it.