

I. Listen to the text. For statements (1-5) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false

- 1) Some people who choose to live on a houseboat want a less stressful way of life.
- 2) The speaker found the houseboat extremely small compared to her flat.
- 3) You can't go online on Ben and Lizzie's houseboat.
- 4) There is a feeling of isolation when you live on a houseboat.
- 5) Motion and weather cause damage to houseboats.

II. Listen to the text. For questions (1-5) choose the correct answer (A,B or C)

1. What did the speaker know about his family's new house before seeing it?
 - A. It was in a beautiful setting
 - B. It needs some repairs
 - C. It had been damaged in a disaster
2. What was the speaker's first impression of the house?
 - A. It looked as he had expected
 - B. It was far worse than he had imagined
 - C. He was immediately attracted to it.
3. How did the speaker and his sister feel after touring the house?
 - A. Cautiously optimistic
 - B. Rather disappointed
 - C. Totally hopeless
4. Who would do the major repairs to the house?
 - A. The parents
 - B. The whole family
 - C. Hired professionals
5. In the end, how did the speaker feel about the house?
 - A. He couldn't understand why they had bought it.
 - B. He thought it was a good decision to buy it.
 - C. He was disappointed in the final result.