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Adults 1

Reading

Starbucks, summer, and other things I ♥ love about Britain

Mark Vanhoenacker, an American journalist who lives in London, says the UK's not just OK – it's paradise. **These are some of his reasons...**

Walking

Britain isn't a good place for cyclists. But for pedestrians it is wonderful. When you walk on a zebra crossing, all the drivers stop.

Banks

British banks are great – you do everything online, and you don't pay when you take money out of an ATM. And if you want to change banks, the banks do all the work, not you.

Drivers

The British are very polite when they drive. They don't hoot, and they are patient with other drivers. They always say thank you when you let them pass.

Boots the Chemist

Chemists in the UK are wonderful, friendly shops and completely different from US pharmacies. Boots sells everything you want, not just medicine, and the shop assistants give you good advice.

No ID Cards

Britain is one of the only places in the world where people don't have ID cards. In the US you need ID when you buy a drink, go to a club, use a credit card, or take an intercity train.

Summers

I love British summers! A good summer day in Britain is dry and warm, but not very hot.

Starbucks

Starbucks isn't British, of course, but I prefer the Starbucks in Britain. They are nice, friendly places where people read the newspaper and drink good coffee. And the waiters don't write your name on the cups – I feel stupid in America when the waiter calls 'Mark, your tall cappuccino with extra chocolate!'

1. Read and listen to the article. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false)

1 Britain is a good country for cyclists and pedestrians. ☐
2 It's expensive to use ATMs in Britain. ☐
3 British drivers are nice to other drivers. ☐
4 Boots the Chemist only has medicine. ☐
5 In Britain people don't have ID cards. ☐
6 Summers in Britain are very hot. ☐
7 In Starbucks in Britain waiters don't use your first name. ☐