1.7 WRITING A description of an unusual lifestyle

I can describe places and lifestyles.

1 Complete Matt's article for his school magazine with the words below.

evening got ~~home~~ usually view weekdays

My unusual lifestyle

by Matt Thompson

Most people live in a house or flat, **but** my [1]home is in a boat. I always have a [2]_____ of water! It's [3]_____ three bedrooms **and** a small living area. There's a kitchen and a bathroom too. **Although** it's small, it's warm and comfortable. We haven't got much technology. **However**, I've got a tablet **in case** I want to go online to chat with friends or watch films in the [4]_____.

I live with my parents and my sister. We [5]_____ stay in one place during school time. I get up early on [6]_____ **because** I help look after the boat. We don't have a car, so I always walk to school. In the school holidays, we travel around. I like this lifestyle because I visit interesting places. **Also**, I meet lots of different people – **as well as** my school friends, I've got friends all over the country!

2 Read the text again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1 ☐ Matt can't use the internet on his boat.
2 ☐ Four people live on Matt's boat.
3 ☐ Matt and his family never stay in one place for more than a few weeks.
4 ☐ Matt enjoys his lifestyle.

3 Match paragraphs 1–2 in the text with topics a–b.

a ☐ description of family and lifestyle
b ☐ description of home

4 Look at the words in bold in the text. Then choose the correct option.

1 My home isn't very big. *Although* / *However*, I enjoy living in it.
2 I meet lots of interesting people, *so* / *because* I never get bored.
3 There's an extra bed in the living area *as well as* / *in case* we want to invite friends to stay.
4 There's a living area inside the boat and there's space outside *as well as* / *too*.
5 *Although* / *However* my sister likes our lifestyle, she would prefer to live in a house.
6 Our lifestyle isn't expensive. *Too* / *Also*, it's good for the environment.

5 Complete Anna's notes about her home and lifestyle with the words below.

bedrooms ~~camper van~~ get up lifestyle morning never tablet university

HOME

- home: modern [1]camper van
- rooms: two [2]_____, small kitchen and shower room
- small, quite comfortable, sometimes cold in the [3]_____
- TV; no internet connection, but have a [4]_____ I can use in cafés

FAMILY AND LIFESTYLE

- mum, dad and sister
- usually [5]_____ early – help with food and jobs
- [6]_____ go to school – study with mum and dad
- want to go to [7]_____ one day
- enjoy the way we live – travel all over the world
- interesting [8]_____ – meet lots of people

6 Write a description of Anna's home and lifestyle. Follow the instructions below.

1 Use the text in Exercise 1 as a model.
2 Write two paragraphs:
   - paragraph 1: Anna's home
   - paragraph 2: Anna's family and lifestyle.
3 Use connectors and time expressions.
4 Use the Present Simple.

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