

AT HOME TOGETHER



Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Taimi Taskinen is an 83-year-old woman who lives in a care home called Rudolf House in Helsinki, Finland. A care home is a place where old people can live and be looked after if they don't live with their families. At Rudolf House, there are lots of stairs, so there are some rooms which elderly people can't access easily. As a result, the city council decided to rent these spare rooms to young people. They called this new housing program "The House that Fits".

When Taimi heard about the council's plan, she wondered how it was going to work. (1) _____. She couldn't imagine what she'd have in common with young people who weren't family members. Then, one morning a few days later, a young man appeared outside her room. (2) _____

"Hi! I'm your new neighbor," the young man said. "My name's Jonatan Shaya. Mind if I come in?" "Please do," she replied, immediately curious. "I'll make coffee." He announced, going into her tiny kitchen. "Why don't you tell me about yourself?" he asked, as he brought their drinks to the table.

(3) _____ She also told him about her family and how much she loved making art.

In turn, 20-year-old Jonatan told Taimi he'd been living in Helsinki with his mother and younger brother until they moved away. He was in the middle of a course in the city, training to become a chef. (4) _____. That's when he heard about "The House that Fits" on social media. The council's post resulted in over 300 young people applying to live at Rudolf House. They had face-to-face interviews and wrote short essays about why they wanted to live there. (5) _____ and that's how the unlikely friendship between Taimi and Jonatan began.

A Surprising herself, she talked about growing up in a lakeside town in eastern Finland.

B Therefore, he needed to find somewhere to live.

C As a result, she wasn't sure whether the young people had arrived.

D She's left the door open, as she always did in the morning.

E In the end, three of them, including Jonatan, were chosen.

F Because of this, Jonatan has to be a good neighbor and spend 30 hours a month with Taimi.

G It would be the first time that anything like this had happened at Rudolf House.

H Instead, they just talked, as if they'd known each other forever.