

**1 Read the text. Match sentences A–E with gaps 1–5.**

**Unusual homes**

There isn't enough space to build all of the houses we need in many cities. This means that the price of houses in London and the rest of the UK is getting more and more expensive. The average house price in London is now over £500,000, but most workers are still getting low salaries. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_ But it costs a lot of money to buy train tickets too.

<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_ Perhaps there is, as people are finding creative ways to live near their workplace. More and more people are following the example of the Netherlands. They are choosing to live on water – on the rivers that flow through our cities. Houseboats are a popular new form of accommodation for professionals working in towns and cities. The Netherlands has the most houseboats in Europe. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_ There are around 6,000 houseboats in the whole of the UK at the moment. Some companies are even building offices on the water.

What are the advantages of living on the water? First, they are beautiful spaces for people to live and work in. You can work in the city, but you can also enjoy living close to the countryside. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_ You can buy a houseboat for as little as £60,000.

You have to be careful if you want to buy a houseboat, because there are some disadvantages. They are cheaper, but the cost of living on a boat can be more expensive. For example, you have to pay for your 'parking' space on a river. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_ In Amsterdam, you have to paint your boat every three years. And people complain that when it gets cold, it's very expensive to keep the boat warm.

- A There are over 3,500 just in Amsterdam.
- B Is there anything we can do about this problem?
- C This can be £7,000 a year in some parts of London.
- D They have to move out of London into small towns and catch the train to work every day.
- E Second, they are much cheaper than ordinary houses.

**2 Read the text. Match sentences A–F with gaps 1–5. There is one extra sentence.**

**The Piano Man**

<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_ He was in his twenties. He had a black jacket, smart trousers and a tie. But strangely, all of his clothes were completely wet. He couldn't answer any questions about who he was, or where he came from. It seemed that he didn't have any memory.

The police came and asked him questions, but still he didn't speak. They tried to find out if someone pushed him into the sea or if he fell from a boat. But the man couldn't tell them. He seemed terrified. And nobody knew who he was.

Soon after, they took him to hospital. At the hospital, one of the doctors had a brilliant idea. She gave him some paper. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_ The doctors were very excited and took him to a room with a piano. He started to play a beautiful piece of music and he was calm for the first time. For many weeks after this, he didn't speak, but he only communicated with his music. He played for three to four hours every day. Sometimes he didn't want to stop playing and the doctors had to pull him away from the piano. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_ A few months later, his father recognised him from a photo and they discovered that he was from Germany. He started to speak to the doctors and he confirmed that he was German and he flew back to his family. A friend of his family spoke on German television and said that nobody could understand why he ended up in England. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_

- F The young man drew a picture of a piano on it.
- G The doctors called him the 'Piano Man.'
- H In 2005 some walkers discovered a man on a road by the sea in the east of England.
- I And it is still a mystery today!
- J He made a paper aeroplane and threw it into the air.
- K Eventually, the police took a photograph of him and started a social media campaign to discover who he was.

### 3 Read the text. Match paragraphs A–E with questions 1–5.

#### Are celebrity chefs good for us?

**A** Celebrity chefs are the new rock and roll! People are used to thinking of singers and actors as celebrities, but more and more kitchen chefs are becoming famous. In South Korea, they even have a special name for them – 'cheftainers'.

**B** Celebrity chefs become famous names when they make popular TV shows. They also write bestselling cookbooks. Some supermarkets use chefs to sell special food items and many chefs open chains of restaurants. Cooking is big money. UK chef Jamie Oliver and his wife are on the UK 'Rich List'.

**C** Celebrity chefs don't just make money. They can make important changes to the way we think about food and the food we buy. Jamie Oliver is famous for his work on 'food education' and for helping to put healthy food on UK school menus. Jamie wants all school children to be able to have a hot, healthy meal during the day. He thinks it's good for their health and also that good food helps children to learn better.

**D** He also wants to change the way that adults eat. He understands that many people are 'time poor'. A lot of parents work and don't have time to cook big meals at the end of the day. His TV show *15-Minute Meals* helps people prepare fresh, healthy meals in a small amount of time.

**E** Not everyone is very keen on celebrity chefs though. Some people say that their food is actually less healthy than ready meals from supermarkets. For example, famous UK chef Nigella Lawson regularly uses much more butter and sugar than the cakes we find in shops. So choose your celebrity chef carefully – some of their food can be bad for you!

#### In which paragraph does the writer ...

- 1 describe how healthy eating and effective studying are connected? \_\_\_\_
- 2 talk about people who can't spend all day cooking? \_\_\_\_
- 3 explain that some chefs use unhealthy items to cook with? \_\_\_\_
- 4 introduce us to a new type of celebrity? \_\_\_\_
- 5 describe the different ways to get rich from cooking? \_\_\_\_