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Travellers' tales

READING

1 Complete the blog post with the correct form of these verbs.

get about jumped off jumped on signed up stop off

My classmates and I have just had a fun day in London. We went on a 'duck tour' of the city in a vehicle that's half-boat, half-truck. It's a great way to 1 and see the city from both road and river. We 2 the truck near the London Eye and travelled past all the main sights like Big Ben. After a while, the vehicle went straight from the road down into the Thames, where we travelled up the river to see where James Bond and other spies live! We 3 the boat at the London Eye and walked back to our hotel. Some of us 4 for an ice cream on the way. And for tomorrow, we've all 5 for a trip to Madame Tussauds to see the wax models of famous people. I can't wait!



2 These young people (1-5) are going to take a course at a language school in the UK. They all want to stay with a host family during their visit. Read text 1 about Sofia quickly. What information is given about her?

family life	☐	interests	☐
food preferences	☐	room preferences	☐
friends	☐		



Sofia loves watching sports. She enjoys cooking and wants to try local dishes but she doesn't usually eat sweet things. She's happy to share a room with another language school student.



Luca is really active. He loves all sports and wants to ride a bike to school. He'd like to share a room with another language school student. He dislikes spicy food.

3 On page 59 there are descriptions of eight host families. Read description A. Which of these things are mentioned?

family members food host's hobbies host's job location
pets type of house type of room available

4 e Read all the texts about the young people and the descriptions of host families. Decide which host family (A-H) would be most suitable for each student (1-5).

1 Sofia 3 Sara 5 Marco
2 Luca 4 Daniel

5 Find the words in the article which mean these things.

- free; available (text A)
- meals cooked outside over fire (text B)
- an indoor sport similar to tennis but played with a small object that has feathers on it (text C)
- a meal that you buy at a shop or restaurant and eat at home (text C)
- give something to someone (text E)
- a journey in a vehicle, when you are not driving (text G)
- things made with milk (text H)



Sara loves animals and spends a lot of time reading. She uses a wheelchair, so she is unable to use stairs and needs accommodation close to the school. Sara doesn't eat meat.



Daniel loves listening to and writing music. He doesn't mind if he shares a room or has his own, but he wants to be able to walk to school. Animal hair makes him sneeze.



Marco loves painting and drawing. He'd like to be close to his cousin, who is studying for a degree in the city. He'd also like to be in a family with teenage children.

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Host family accommodation

A Miss Young

I'm retired and live with my cat Molly. I'm a vegetarian and I love baking and spend hours making delicious cakes and biscuits, which I'm happy to share! I live in a quiet, ground floor flat, just a five-minute walk from the school. I have one spare room with one bed.

E Mr and Mrs Lewis

We love art and history, which is lucky because we live close to both an art gallery and a museum! We also enjoy cooking and eat a lot of Italian food. We have a flat on the ground floor of a large house and can provide one student with their own room.

B Mr and Mrs Hamilton

We live in a house near a park with an outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts. We're about thirty minutes on foot from the school. Our grown-up children no longer live with us but they attend our amazing weekly barbecues. We have one spare room for two students.

F Mr Lee

I'm a keen cook who loves trying out new recipes from around the world. I also play the guitar in a band. I live in a flat on the second floor of a building, a short bus journey from the school. I have two spare bedrooms, each with one bed.

C Mrs Brown

I live in a house on the edge of the city with a large garden. I live with my daughter and her dog. We live close to a gym and we both love playing badminton. We usually cook simple British meals. Sometimes we get a takeaway. We have one spare room for two students.

G Mr Harris and Ms French

We live in a house with our two teenage daughters and our dog Billy. We're just a short bus ride away from the school. We're all huge football fans and watch matches whenever we can. We cook traditional British food. We have one room available with two beds.

D Mr and Mrs Puri

We live in a house near the local university with our fifteen-year-old son. We can take one student. We love art and have an art studio in our garden. Family meals usually consist of curries and other Indian food. We don't have any pets but our neighbour's cat sometimes visits!

H Mr and Mrs Stockwell

We live very close to the school and can offer accommodation for two students sharing a room. We love going to concerts and listen to all kinds of music. We're vegan, so we don't eat meat or dairy products, but we grow our own vegetables and cook tasty food!