

READING ■ A different life

1 ★ Read the text. Tick ✓ the correct box.

The text is about ...

- a a typical London lifestyle.
- b an expensive lifestyle.
- c living without money.

A free and easy life

A

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D

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Paul lives in a very expensive city, London, but he doesn't mind not having money. He stays in a squat*. It's not his home and he doesn't pay rent money. In many countries, this is not allowed, but in the UK, it's not illegal. He normally spends less than £1 a day.

C

Paul doesn't use public transport, and he hasn't got a car. He always rides a bicycle. 'It's cold in the winter, but I prefer it,' he says.

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Paul says that local cafés and supermarkets throw away a lot of good food, and he eats this. On a typical day, he has sandwiches and fresh fruit. Does he miss his favourite foods and drinks? 'Well, a really good coffee, maybe!' he says.

*squat – a squat is a home with squatters in it. A squatter lives in somebody else's home, without permission, and without paying any money. You can do this in the UK, until the home owner tells you to leave.

2 ★★ Read the text again. Match questions

1–4 with paragraphs A–E.

What do we want from life?

A

1 How does he travel?

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2 What about food?

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3 How does he do it?

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4 What does he do all day?

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3 ★★★ Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

1 How is Paul Cortez's lifestyle 'alternative'?

2 What city does he live in?

3 How does he feel about having no money?

4 What does he dislike about riding a bicycle?

5 What activities does Paul do?

6 Where does Paul get his food?

Build your vocabulary

4 ★★ Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

against the rules aren't allowed to
is supposed are allowed supposed

1 We're _____ wear jewellery at school.

2 It's _____ to wear jewellery at school.

3 You aren't _____ to eat in class.

4 He _____ to wear a tie to school.

5 We _____ to use a mobile phone here.

6 We _____ supposed to make calls.