

## The best home in London?

This is Rory Blake's home in London. He lives on a houseboat. At the moment, the boat is staying on the River Thames, but in the summer, Rory's family have holidays on it – it's their holiday home, too!



- A** People think that houseboats are uncomfortable, but we've got everything – two bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen. There's even a 'garden' on the roof of the boat. I'm growing some herbs up there now, because I love cooking.
- B** Our houseboat *Marianne* is seventy years old and usually it's in the centre of London. It's a cool place to keep the boat – we're near some famous museums and a good library, and the view is great.
- C** The only problem is the weather. When it's windy, the boat goes up and down! Also we need to paint *Marianne* every year. In fact my dad and his friend are painting the houseboat now.
- D** When visitors come here, they walk into our living room first. They think it's great because it's really comfortable with a big TV, a sofa and modern paintings.
- E** The kitchen is my favourite room. My mum is making dinner there now. We're going to eat in our garden, on the roof!

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

The text is about ...

- a  living in London.  
b  an unusual home.  
c  the advantages of having a boat.

- 2 ★★  Read the text again. Match headings 1–4 with paragraphs A–E.

- The best room on the boat \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 The city centre – a great place to be \_\_\_\_\_  
2 A good room to sit and relax \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Bad weather and *Marianne* \_\_\_\_\_  
4 A comfortable home with a garden \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 ★★  Complete the sentences with information from the text.

Rory lives in London, on a houseboat.

- 1 Rory's home has got \_\_\_\_\_ bedrooms.  
2 The boat is called \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Living on a boat isn't much fun when there's bad \_\_\_\_\_  
4 They \_\_\_\_\_ the houseboat every year.  
5 There are modern paintings in the boat's \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 ★★★  Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

How many rooms has the houseboat got?

The houseboat has got four rooms. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 What is Rory growing on the roof of the boat?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How old is the houseboat?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What are Rory's dad and his friend doing now?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Why do visitors like the living room?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What's Rory's mum doing now?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Build your vocabulary

- 5 ★★  Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

view traditional balcony windows  
holiday homes

My room has two large windows, so it's light.

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ outside my bedroom is dangerous. Don't stand on it!  
2 Would you prefer a modern flat in the \_\_\_\_\_

**Language point: and, but, because**

1 ★ Choose the correct words.

They love the painting, because / but they don't like the mirror.

- 1 In the dining room there's a chest of drawers **and** / **but** a big cupboard.
- 2 We like the sofa **because** / **but** it's very comfortable.
- 3 The bedroom is small, **because** / **but** it's got everything we need.
- 4 There are two chairs **and** / **but** a table in the room.
- 5 I'm not watching TV **and** / **because** there aren't any good programmes today.
- 6 I haven't got a TV in my bedroom, **but** / **and** we've got a big TV in the living room.
- 7 I like the kitchen **because** / **but** it's got big windows.

2 ★★ Write sentences with *and*, *but* or *because*.

There's a nice sofa in our living room.  
We've got a big TV, too.

There's a nice sofa in our living room and we've got a big TV, too.

- 1 He's going to bed now. He's tired.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I often tidy my room. I never do the washing-up.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 At school we study history. We learn French.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 We always get up early. School starts at 8.00.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I really want that picture. I haven't got any money.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TASK**

3 ★★ Complete the information about Miley Cyrus with the words in the box.

microwave beds mother shower  
clothes films drink living

### On tour with Miley Cyrus

When *Hannah Montana* star Miley Cyrus goes on tour she travels in a big, pink tour bus. You can do everything on the bus – eat, drink, sleep and have a shower.

The first room you walk into is a big, modern <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ room with a table and two comfortable brown sofas. Miley always travels with her family, and at the moment her <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is doing some work at the table.

The next room is the bedroom, with comfortable <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. At night Miley can watch her favourite <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ because there's a TV next to her bed. There's also an enormous wardrobe with a lot of Miley's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, ready for her next show.

The kitchen is quite small, but it's got everything – a fridge, a




4 ★★★ Imagine your favourite pop star or sports star has got a tour bus. Write a description of the tour bus. Use the text in exercise 3 to help you.

# Capitalization

Carol and her cat need help with capital letters. Help them make each sentence correct by circling the letters that need to be capitalized.





1. david ate lunch with me. 
2. Amy and i are going to the movies.
3. My dog's name is comet.
4. samantha does gymnastics with jack.
5. We are going to hawaii for vacation.
6. Tomorrow i am having a party.
7. where is the bathroom?

8. my birthday is in december.

9. brian and justin are brothers.

10. We're going to new york in june.