

Homes: reading tasks

1 Ask and answer these questions with another student:

- Where would you prefer to live - in a lighthouse or on a narrowboat?
- What do you think are the main differences between the two homes?
- What kind of person would like to live in these homes?



2 Read either about the lighthouse or the narrowboat person and complete the table in note form.

What does the person do?	
What is their main reason for choosing this type of home?	
How does their choice of home affect their work?	
What adjectives are used to describe the place?	
What does he/she do for companionship?	
Which aspect of the weather causes most problems? and...	
... what is/are the solutions to this?	
What words would you use to describe the person's personality?	
What examples of self-reliance* are given?	

* Not dependent on other people for help.

3 What do you think? Ask and answer these questions with another student:

- Do you think you need to be an 'artistic' person to have an alternative lifestyle?
- Which person may want to leave and move back to a more conventional home?
- How would your friends and family react if you wanted to live in a very different kind of home?
- What's important for you in a home? Put these in order of priority for you: the size - number of bedrooms etc / an outdoor area - balcony, terrace or garden / nice views / friendly neighbours / security / convenient location - near shops or transport / privacy. You can add something else if you want.