

## 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.

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| 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.