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## READING


**1** Look at the photo and read part of Ella's blog about her travelling life. Complete it with the correct words.

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**Our travels**  
HOME NEW POSTS

This is my second year of travelling with my family now. When my parents first talked about selling our home and going travelling, I was very <sup>1</sup>..... with them and said I wasn't sure about it. At fifteen years old you just want to go to school and <sup>2</sup>..... with your friends, right? But in fact it's great. We're now part of a different <sup>3</sup>..... of families who choose to travel around, and I'm definitely pleased that I don't have the <sup>4</sup>..... of school exams anymore! We meet lots of different people - today we gave two students from Sweden a <sup>5</sup>....., and they were really fun to chat to. Tomorrow we're going into the mountains. It's really cold there, and we want to see what a river looks like when it <sup>6</sup>..... - it sounds cool to me!



**2** Read Ella's blog in Ex 1 again. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Ella spoke to her parents honestly when they suggested going travelling. ....
- 2 Ella thinks that teenagers enjoy doing organised activities with their friends. ....
- 3 Ella thinks that families who travel around help each other and feel connected to each other. ....
- 4 Ella used to get worried when she had exams. ....
- 5 Today, two students from Sweden travelled with Ella and her family. ....
- 6 Ella wants to see a river in very hot weather. ....

**3** Read an interview with Ella on page 7. Match the headings with the correct paragraph.

- 1 What about your education? .....
- 2 What are the best and worst things about travelling all the time? .....
- 3 Was it hard to leave your friends behind? .....
- 4 What's it like being with your parents all the time? .....

**4** Read the interview again. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Ella and her family drive to a new place every day. ....
- 2 Ella doesn't enjoy having to keep her room tidy. ....
- 3 Ella often argues with her parents now. ....
- 4 Ella has a better relationship with her brother now. ....
- 5 It isn't easy for Ella to contact her friends back home. ....
- 6 Ella feels disappointed that she can't relax with her friends now. ....
- 7 Ella and her mum both find maths difficult. ....
- 8 Ella and her family sometimes visit places to help with Ella's studies. ....

**5** What do you think Ella would say about her life now?

- A I love it, but my brother finds it really difficult.
- B There are some difficulties, of course, but there are lots of good things, too.
- C I thought it was a good idea at first, but now I'm not so sure.
- D We have lots of problems as a family that we didn't have before.

**6** Match the words in bold in the interview with the meanings.

- 1 sad because you are on your own and not with other people  
.....
- 2 normal .....
- 3 untidy .....
- 4 not nice or enjoyable .....
- 5 a good thing .....
- 6 to feel sad because you can't do something that you did before  
.....



# When home is the open road

**Ella doesn't live in a house or flat. Her home is on the road, travelling around America with her parents and her brother, Scott. Her parents decided to sell their home and buy a big RV (mobile home), because they wanted to see different parts of the country and experience a different way of life. Her dad has his own internet business, so he works from an office in the RV. We asked Ella what life is like when your home is always on the move.**

**A** ..... ?

My favourite thing is that every day is different! We don't always travel somewhere new, but I never know when I wake up what's going to happen. Life is never boring! The other great thing is meeting people. When you live in a house or flat, you spend a lot of time inside. We're always outside, so we meet some really interesting people. The most difficult thing is that I can't be **messy**. I've got my own room in the RV, but it's really small, so I can't leave things lying around – that's annoying!

**B** ..... ?

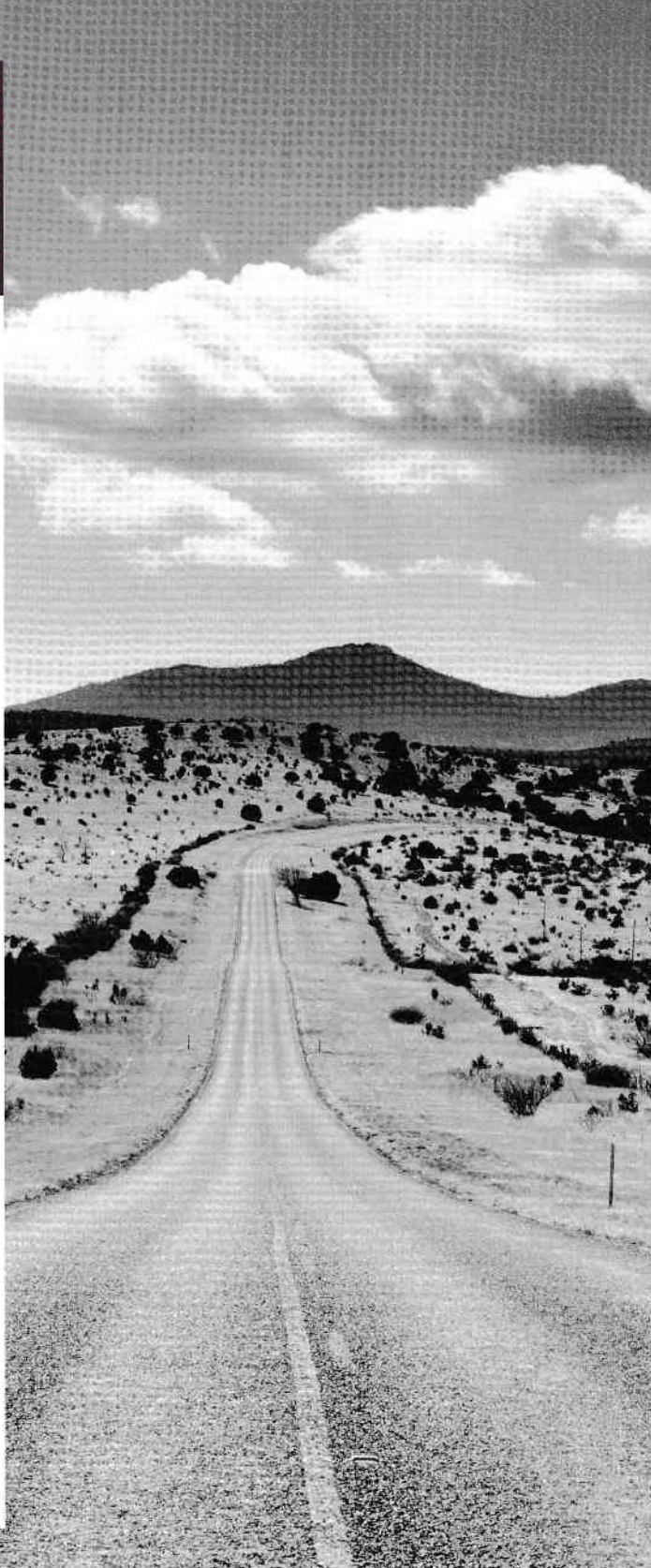
A lot of people ask me if I have all the **usual** arguments with my parents – about staying up late, doing jobs around the home, that kind of thing. But when you live together in such a small space it just isn't possible to argue – it's too **horrible** for everyone! In fact, things are much better now. Because we spend a lot of time together, I talk to my parents and my brother, Scott, a lot more. We're more like friends than family now.

**C** ..... ?

That was the biggest problem for me at the start. Saying goodbye was definitely difficult. But we're online and I have my phone of course, so it isn't difficult to keep in contact with them and stay up to date with what's going on in their lives. And I'm never **lonely**. Every time we go to a new place I make new friends. So I've got a lot more friends now than I had before. But I guess I do **miss** just hanging out with people, watching a movie or chatting.

**D** ..... ?

My mum is my teacher now, but I help her plan what I'm going to study each month. I do a lot of studying online. I also have an online teacher for maths. That's my worst subject, and Mum isn't brilliant at it either! It isn't easy to study on your own, but the **advantage** is that I can choose what to learn about. I love learning about animals, so we try to get to places where I can see wild animals – that's really useful. I think I want to study biology at college when I'm older.




**7** Complete the sentences with words from Ex 6.

- 1 The big ..... of travelling is that you see lots of new places.
- 2 My sister is really ..... – she leaves her things all over the house!
- 3 My best friend moved to a new city and I really ..... seeing her every day.
- 4 I sometimes feel ..... if I'm on my own in the flat.
- 5 My brother likes doing all the ..... things that teenagers do, like riding his skateboard.
- 6 I can't eat this soup – it's .....!

**a/an, the and no article**

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I think that **families / the families** are really important.
- 2 My sister wants to be **a / an** actor.
- 3 I'm learning to play **a / the** piano.
- 4 There isn't much for **the young people / young people** to do in my town.
- 5 I have **dinner / the dinner** with my family most evenings.
- 6 My mum can speak **Spanish / the Spanish**.
- 7 My uncle lives in **USA / the USA**.
- 8 Some parents put **pressure / the pressure** on their children to do well at school.
- 9 Was **a / the** film good last night?
- 10 There isn't **a / an** university in my town.

2  1.1 Complete what the people say about their families with *a/an, the* or no article (-). Then listen and check.

**A** I'm <sup>1</sup>..... only child but it isn't <sup>2</sup>..... problem for me. I like spending <sup>3</sup>..... time with my parents, and I've got <sup>4</sup>..... friends I can see if I want to be with people my own age.

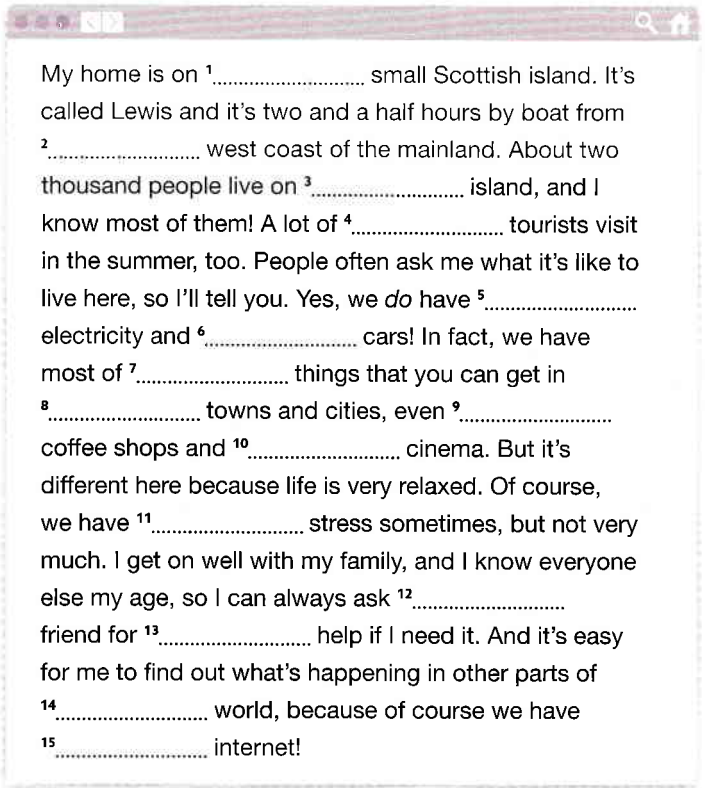
**B** I come from <sup>5</sup>..... big family with nine children, and <sup>6</sup>..... house where we live is always very busy, especially in <sup>7</sup>..... mornings, when everyone is trying to get ready for <sup>8</sup>..... school!

**C** I've got <sup>9</sup>..... younger brother and he's really annoying! Like, he always wants to play <sup>10</sup>..... same computer game that I want to play, at <sup>11</sup>..... only time I'm free to play! There are often <sup>12</sup>..... arguments in our house! But other days we get on really well.

3 Read the sentences about Sam and her interesting family. Which sentences use articles correctly? Write C for correct or I for incorrect.

- 1 Sam Briggs lives in a small town in USA. ....
- 2 She lives with her parents and 24 brothers and sisters. ....
- 3 Sam's brothers and sisters come from all over the world. ....
- 4 Two of her brothers are from Mexico, and three sisters are from the Africa. ....
- 5 All the children had problems in their own countries, so Sam's parents offered them a home. ....
- 6 They have big house, with 10 bedrooms. ....
- 7 Sam works hard at school, and she wants to study art when she's older. ....
- 8 Sam loves her brothers and sisters and is really happy that she has unusual family! ....

4 Read Helen's blog about her life on a small Scottish island. Complete it with *a/an, the* or no article (-).



My home is on <sup>1</sup>..... small Scottish island. It's called Lewis and it's two and a half hours by boat from <sup>2</sup>..... west coast of the mainland. About two thousand people live on <sup>3</sup>..... island, and I know most of them! A lot of <sup>4</sup>..... tourists visit in the summer, too. People often ask me what it's like to live here, so I'll tell you. Yes, we *do* have <sup>5</sup>..... electricity and <sup>6</sup>..... cars! In fact, we have most of <sup>7</sup>..... things that you can get in <sup>8</sup>..... towns and cities, even <sup>9</sup>..... coffee shops and <sup>10</sup>..... cinema. But it's different here because life is very relaxed. Of course, we have <sup>11</sup>..... stress sometimes, but not very much. I get on well with my family, and I know everyone else my age, so I can always ask <sup>12</sup>..... friend for <sup>13</sup>..... help if I need it. And it's easy for me to find out what's happening in other parts of <sup>14</sup>..... world, because of course we have <sup>15</sup>..... internet!

5 Read some questions people have left Helen on her blog. Complete them with *a/an, the* or no article (-).

- 1 Is there ..... school on the island, or do you have to go across ..... sea to the mainland?
- 2 I love meeting ..... new people. Do you ever get fed up with seeing ..... same people every day?
- 3 Do you want to find ..... job on the island when you leave school, or do you want to move to ..... big city like Edinburgh?
- 4 I think I would enjoy ..... life on Lewis. Can I come and visit you for ..... holiday?



