

# Functional Skills English (4748)

## Entry 2 Reading

### Sample assessment



www.cityandguilds.com  
April 2023  
Version 2.0

## Candidate Paper

## Different Homes

Time allowed: 40 minutes

Total marks: 14

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Guilds enrolment number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

### You will need

- a pen with black or blue ink
- a dictionary.

### Instructions

- Read each question carefully.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- You do not need to write full sentences.
- There are no marks for spelling, punctuation or grammar.

### Candidate's declaration:

I confirm that this assessment is my own work.

Candidate's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 1

Read the text.

# Homes on the Move



Blog

**Buying your own home has never been more costly. But maybe there is something out there that isn't as expensive as you think. Here are some clever ideas for you to think about.**

### A canal boat

Lucy, a student from London, bought a city home in a perfect location on the water. With a canal boat home, you just need to make sure you tie up the boat correctly!



**Interested?** You can read more about life on the water [here](#)



### A van

Van owner Mike Watson changed his van into a small living space with a shower room and kitchen. He then drove his new home around Europe before deciding to live in a beautiful village in Greece.

**Interested?** You can read more about van life [here](#)

### A double decker bus

One London family converted a double decker bus into a three-bedroom home, including a fitted kitchen and a living room for up to nine people.

**Interested?** You can find out more about the cost of buying a bus [here](#)



**Answer the questions about the text.**

1. What is the **first** thing that Mike Watson did after he made changes to his van?

---

2. Give **two** words from the first paragraph which are about money.

• \_\_\_\_\_

• \_\_\_\_\_

3. What do you have to do if you live on a canal boat?

---

4. Which country did Mike Watson move to?

---

5. Which word could replace **converted** in the text?  
(Tick **one**)

adapted

prepared

exchanged

**6 marks**

## Activity 2

Read the text.

House Hunter Magazine



# Eco-Houses make homes for the future

To design and build your own home may sound like hard work but it may not be as difficult as you imagine.

Eco-Houses are a new idea and very popular in America, Germany and France.

Eco-Houses are made from shipping containers, which are huge metal boxes used for moving things by ship from one country to another.

An Eco-House can be as big or small as you like. Also, they're good for the planet because they don't use much energy. This means they're cheap to run.

From this...



1. A shipping container

To this...



2. A home made from a shipping container



3. An Eco-House fitted with a kitchen, lounge area, a bedroom and a bathroom

You decide on the position and we will build you a new home from a shipping container. This could cost you as little as £30,000!

Come and see us at the House & Home Show  
in Birmingham on 22 - 26 July.  
To get a **free** pass go to [www.eco-houses.co.uk](http://www.eco-houses.co.uk)

**Answer the questions about the text.**

1. What is the text about?  
(Tick **one**)

- Building a bigger home.
- Moving to a smaller home.
- Making an unusual home.

2. Which word in the first sentence shows there is a different point of view?  
(Tick **one**)

- and
- but
- own

3. Name **one** country which has Eco-Houses.

---

4. What are shipping containers usually used for?

---

5. Give **two** reasons to use a shipping container to build a house.

- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_

6. In image 3, how many bedrooms does the house have?

---

7. What event is in Birmingham on 22 July?

---

**8 marks**

Check your work.

**End of assessment**