

Competences and Culture

Life in a can

My name's Emmy and I'm from Brighton. I've got a brother, Tim, but at the moment there's just¹ me and my mum and dad at home. My brother is a student. He's in Amsterdam.

There are a lot of students in Amsterdam and flats in the city centre are expensive. It's really difficult to find a room in Amsterdam. But it isn't a problem for Tim – his home is a red container!

There's only one long room in the container. Tim's got his own bathroom with a toilet and a shower. The kitchen area is in front of the bathroom. The living area is behind the bathroom. There's even² a balcony. There isn't a lot of space but Tim hasn't got a lot of stuff. He's got a sofa bed and a table and his computer.

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Reading

- 1  4-28 Leggi e ascolta. Poi scegli l'alternativa corretta.

Tim's home is in *Brighton* / *Amsterdam*.

- 1 Tim's home is in a *flat* / *container*.
- 2 Flats in Amsterdam are *cheap* / *expensive*.
- 3 Tim's got *one room* / *two rooms*.
- 4 There is a toilet and a *bath* / *shower*.
- 5 The kitchen area is *in front of* / *behind* the bathroom.
- 6 There *is* / *isn't* a balcony.
- 7 There *is* / *isn't* a lot of furniture.
- 8 Tim's best friend is from *England* / *Morocco*.

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Glossary

- ¹ just: soltanto
- ² even: addirittura
- ³ warm: caldo
- ⁴ cheap: a buon mercato
- ⁵ empty: vuota
- ⁶ without: senza

Listening

- 2**  4-29 Emmy e Tim sono al telefono.
Ascolta la conversazione e leggi le frasi.
Scrivi T (vero) o F (falso).

Tim's at home.

- 1 Youssef's flat is next to Tim's flat.
- 2 There's a TV in Youssef's flat.
- 3 Youssef's got some games.
- 4 Emmy's in her living room.
- 5 There's a party at Emmy's house.

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