

# Solitary Existence



**Tasks based on  
'Solitary Existence'**





# Story starter

Six months earlier, Ben had lived in the city. Life had been busy; a constant buzz of people and traffic. In some ways, living in the city had been comforting, as if he was part of an urban family, a melting pot of people of all ages and all walks of life. However, Ben had tired of that life; it was now time for a change of direction.

Standing on his porch, Ben drew breath. As the clean, cool air filled his lungs, a smile spread across his face and he dived...

**Continue the story.**





# Question time

- Why do you think Ben is smiling?
- What can you deduce about Ben's previous life in the city?
- How is his life different now?
- What does the title 'solitary existence' mean?
- Which of Ben's two life experiences would you prefer?
- How does Ben travel across the lake?
- How does he spend his days?
- Where does Ben get his food from?
- What does he have inside his house?



# Sentence challenge

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Please help.

The house sat on a rock in the middle of a lake. Trees surrounded the lake.  
Ben dived into the water.



# Grammar/punctuation challenge

A relative clause adds information to a sentence and begins with a relative pronoun.

For example:

A wave, which was rather small, rippled across the tranquil water.

**Write a short paragraph about Ben's adventure in the lake, making sure at least one of your sentences includes a relative clause.**





# Picture it

**Draw your perfect house.**

Think not only about what it looks like and contains, but where it is situated.



# Thank you

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