

## Home, Sweet Home

I like living in England because everywhere else is foreign and strange. The only language I speak is English. [...] But I wouldn't like anyone to think I don't like Abroad. I do. Abroad means adventure  
5 and the possibility of danger and delicious food, but Abroad is also tiring and **confusing** and full of foreigners who tell you that the bank is open when it's not. [...]

I like English weather; like the countryside it's  
10 constantly drawing attention to itself. I started this article in a room filled with **piercing** sunlight, but now a strong wind has **materialised** and the room full of gloom<sup>1</sup>.

1. *obscurité*

Sue Townsend, *True Confessions of Adrian Albert Mole*, 1989

**A. Find the equivalents of the following words (in the order of the text):**

- Etranger: .....
- A l'étranger: .....

**B. Observe the following words. How are they built? Circle the prefix and the suffix if possible. Deduce their meaning.**

- Foreigners (l. 7): .....
- Constantly (l. 10): .....
- Sunlight (l. 11): .....

**C. The words highlighted in blue are close to French. Guess their meanings.**

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**D. Pick up three reasons why the narrator likes England. Quote key sentences.**

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**E. True or false? Justify by quoting from the text.**

- The narrator hates going abroad. T / F. ....
- The weather changes very quickly in England. T / F. ....

**Action:**

**Recap what you have understood.**

A. Where does the narrator live? What does he/she like about this country? Why?

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B. What does the narrator think of going abroad?

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