Read what Joe, a boy from Canada, says about his life. Then tick T (True) or F (False).

My family and I, we're Mennonites. We belong to a religious group of people whose ideas and way of life started in the 16th century during the Protestant Reformation. I have two older sisters and a younger brother. I go to a public high school in Toronto and I think I have quite a normal life – just like any other 13-year-old boy. I'm in my school's swimming team and at the weekends we usually go to competitions which are held at other high schools.

Sometimes I'm really glad that my parents aren't strict Mennonites. But my uncle, my aunt and their children are. My cousin Sam is as old as I am. We come from the same family, but his life is completely different from mine. They, too, are a large family, with six children. We don't see them very often. They live on a small farm in the country, not far from our place. It's nice there. They have horses and lots of other animals. My cousins don't go to school. My aunt and uncle teach them at home. Being a strict Mennonite also means working really hard. They get up very early in the morning and then all my cousins help with the work on the farm – they feed the animals, work in the fields and my aunt's vegetable garden and do the cooking. The girls make the family's clothes and keep the house tidy while the boys help my uncle. He's a carpenter* and makes furniture*. They don't have a car but a horse-drawn carriage*.

I wouldn't like to be a strict Mennonite. It's hard to imagine a life without electricity. Just think of that: no TV, no phone, no computer games, no cars! And I would also miss my friends at school and my swimming team, of course.

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**VOCABULARY**

*carpenter – Tischler/in, Zimmermann; furniture – Möbel; horse-drawn carriage – Pferdekutsche

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Present perfect / past - revision

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Signalwörter/past: yesterday, last......in 2003......ago.

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2 We .................(finish) until 10 about a week ago. (reg. verb)

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5 Yesterday I ....................(feel) great and full of energy.

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9 My mum ...................(study) Latin at school.

10 Look at my hands! They are clean. I ......................(wash, reg. verb) them.

11 For how long .......................(you/ have) that cough?

12 .......................(you/ever/eat) baked beans?

13 Last week my dad ...................(take) us to an Indian restaurant.

14 I .......................(just/buy) some new DVDs.

15 Our dog .......................(never/be) alone for more than four hours.
Look at the picture and read the short text. Then write what Ryan’s mum told him after the party. Use *be allowed to* in your sentences.

**The party**

Ryan's parents went away for the weekend. They wanted to visit Ryan's grandmother and planned to be back Sunday evening. Ryan didn't want to join them, so he said that he would stay at his best friend Nick's place. Their parents said it was OK. But Ryan and Nick had a plan: they called their friends and invited them to a party at Ryan's house. The party was great, until Ryan's parents turned up! A neighbour had phoned them and told them what was going on at their house ...

Start like this:

Ryan, you know that you aren't allowed to have a party when we’re away. Why didn't you stay at Nick’s house? We can't believe you any more! And you know that your friends aren't allowed to ... and of course they aren't allowed to ...
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