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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. Who runs the water refilling stations?

Accept: Canal and River Trust.



2. Why do you think that not many people choose this lifestyle?

Accept answers which discuss that it is unconventional, it is difficult, you do not have many modern conveniences, you don't have unlimited water supplies, etc.



3. Summarise the key point that James is making in the text.

Accept an answer which states that living aboard a canal barge is not an easy lifestyle because you do not have lots of running water.



4. Would you like to live aboard a canal barge? Explain your answer.

Accept yes or no provided that a reasonable explanation is given to accompany it, such as: 'No because I think it would be stressful worrying about where the water is coming from.'