

Worksheet 1.2

Scanning a text

Student's Book **Q3** Using the extract from *Q & A* by Vikas Swarup, complete the table below to explore how the writer suggests that the house is unpleasant.

Words read	Is this about a house?	Are the words unpleasant?	Other thoughts
'I live in a corner of [the city]'	no, about an area		corner sounds like a trap - not nice
'in a'	yes, 'in' suggests we are going to get a description of a house next		
'cramped'		yes, means too small for comfort	
'hundred-square-foot'	yes, about its size		I am used to a bigger room so I would not like this
'shack'	another word for a house	this word means not well made or temporary, so yes	
'which has (a) no natural light'			
'or (b) ventilation'			
'with a corrugated metal sheet serving as a roof over my head'			
'It vibrates violently'			
'whenever a train passes overhead'			
'There is no running water'			
'and no sanitation'			