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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140423-home-ownership-4.html>

U.K. house prices are so high that a third of British people will never buy their own home. A report from the Halifax Bank said home ownership and getting on the property ladder was no longer an achievable goal for many Britons. A fifth of twentysomethings have no plans to buy. The report suggested the desire to own a home is being replaced by the idea to simply live in one. It added: "It seems that people are now beginning to accept a lifetime of renting."

Britain's Office for National Statistics said U.K. house prices rose by 10.5% last year, with London prices going up by 18%. It said there were "runaway train" house prices. The average house was valued at \$425,000 nationwide and at \$610,000 in London. The report warned of possible long-term social problems because of the haves and have-nots. It said without first-time buyers, "the market will come to a standstill". If this happens, prices will come down.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. U.K. house prices | a. simply live in one |
| 2. getting on the property | b. are so high |
| 3. an achievable | c. of renting |
| 4. A fifth of | d. goal |
| 5. replaced by the idea to | e. ladder |
| 6. accept a lifetime | f. twentysomethings |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Britain's Office for | a. and have-nots |
| 2. house prices | b. -term social problems |
| 3. The average house was | c. to a standstill |
| 4. The report warned of possible long | d. valued at \$425,000 |
| 5. the haves | e. rose by 10.5% |
| 6. the market will come | f. National Statistics |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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U.K. house prices (1) _____ a third of British people will never buy their own home. A report from the Halifax Bank said home ownership and getting on (2) _____ was no longer an (3) _____ many Britons. A fifth of (4) _____ have no plans to buy. The report suggested the desire to own a home is being replaced by the (5) _____ live in one. It added: "It seems that people are now beginning to accept (6) _____."

Britain's Office (7) _____ said U.K. house prices rose by 10.5% last year, with London (8) _____ by 18%. It said there were "runaway train" house prices. The (9) _____ valued at \$425,000 nationwide and at \$610,000 in London. The report (10) _____ long-term social problems because of the haves and have-nots. It said without (11) _____, "the market will (12) _____ ". If this happens, prices will come down.

HOME OWNERSHIP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about home ownership in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

