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New Zealand to ban foreign home buyers

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THE READING

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New Zealand is banning foreigners from buying houses. The ban will start in early 2018. The ban is to tackle the housing crisis. For the past decade, overseas buyers have been buying houses as investments. This has increased demand, which has increased house prices by over 50 per cent in ten years. New Zealanders are angry they have to pay more to buy a home. Many are priced out of the market. They cannot get on the housing ladder.

The government wants to stop overseas investors increasing house prices and make it easier for Kiwis to buy a home. It said: "We are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and driving up prices." Overseas investors will still be able to buy land to build homes on. The government stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to supply...then you will be able to build." It hopes the ban will "take some of the heat" out of the house market.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-newzealand-politics-housing/new-zealand-pm-says-ban-on-foreign-home-buyers-to-start-early-2018-idUSKBN1D00AR?il=0>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. banning foreigners | a. investments |
| 2. tackle the housing | b. the market |
| 3. buying houses as | c. in ten years |
| 4. increased house | d. ladder |
| 5. by over 50 per cent | e. from buying houses |
| 6. pay more to | f. prices |
| 7. Many are priced out of | g. crisis |
| 8. They cannot get on the housing | h. buy a home |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. The government wants to | a. to buy a home |
| 2. overseas | b. build homes on |
| 3. make it easier for Kiwis | c. buying houses |
| 4. We are stopping foreign speculators | d. the house market |
| 5. driving up | e. investors |
| 6. buy land to | f. supply |
| 7. adding to | g. stop |
| 8. take some of the heat out of | h. prices |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand is banning foreigners from buying houses. The (1) _____ in early 2018. The ban is to tackle the housing crisis. For (2) _____, overseas buyers have been buying houses as investments. (3) _____ demand, which has increased house prices by over 50 per cent (4) _____. New Zealanders are angry they have (5) _____ to buy a home. Many are priced out of the market. They cannot get on (6) _____.

The government (7) _____ overseas investors increasing house prices and (8) _____ for Kiwis to buy a home. It said: "We are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and (9) _____." Overseas investors will still be able to buy land to (10) _____. The government stated: "Our position has always been that if you're (11) _____ ...then you will be able to build." It hopes the ban will "take some (12) _____" out of the house market.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOME BUYERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about home buyers 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) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers-4.html>

Write about **home buyers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
