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Level 0

Hong Kong's poor live in homes smaller than prison cells

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space-0.html>

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space-0.html>

Many poor people in Hong Kong live in tiny homes. Some homes are smaller than prison cells. The average space was 4.6 square meters per person. This is half the size of a car parking space. The average size of a prison cell is 50 per cent bigger than the size of the homes. Many Hong Kong families live in very small homes.

Hong Kong has some of the world's most expensive homes. People must save for 18 years to buy a place. People are unhappy. One person said it was "unacceptable and inhumane" that homes are smaller than prison cells in a rich city like Hong Kong. Another person said her toilet is so small that she has to sit sideways.

Sources: <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/prison-cells-larger-living-spaces-hong-kong-poor-article-1.3604376>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/01/hong-kongs-poor-live-in-homes-smaller-than-prison-cells-study>
<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/community/article/2117810/average-living-space-hong-kongs-poorest-residents-same>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Many poor people | a. prison cell |
| 2. smaller | b. in Hong Kong |
| 3. 4.6 square meters | c. small homes |
| 4. This is half the | d. per person |
| 5. a car parking | e. of the homes |
| 6. The average size of a | f. size |
| 7. the size | g. than prison cells |
| 8. live in very | h. space |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. the world's most | a. prison cells |
| 2. save for 18 years | b. small |
| 3. People are | c. to buy a place |
| 4. unacceptable and | d. sideways |
| 5. smaller than | e. expensive homes |
| 6. in a rich city | f. inhumane |
| 7. her toilet is so | g. like Hong Kong |
| 8. sit | h. unhappy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many poor people in Hong Kong (1) _____

homes. Some homes are smaller (2) _____.

The average space was 4.6 (3) _____ person.

This is (4) _____ of a car parking space. The

average size of a (5) _____ 50 per cent bigger

than the size of the homes. Many Hong Kong families

(6) _____ small homes.

Hong Kong has (7) _____ world's most

expensive homes. People (8) _____ 18 years to

buy a place. People are unhappy. One (9) _____

was "unacceptable (10) _____" that homes are

smaller than prison (11) _____ rich city like

Hong Kong. Another person said her toilet is so small that she

has (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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veinverysmallhomes.HongKonghassomeoftheworld'smostexpensiv
ehomes.Peoplemustsavefor18yearstobuyaplace.Peopleareunhapp
y.Onepersonsaiditwas"unacceptableandinhumane"thathomesares
mallerthanprisoncellsinarichcitylikeHongKong.Anotherpersonsaidh
ertoiletissosmallthatshehastositsideways.

LIVING SPACE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171104-living-space-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about living space 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) _____

