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Level 4 – 19th January, 2019

Homes for sale in Italy for one euro

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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It is a dream come true to get on the property ladder. A town called Sambuca in Sicily is selling houses for just €1. This is because of a decline in its population. The number of residents is falling because young people are moving to cities. The mayor says the houses will sell quickly because his town is so attractive. It overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and is close to picturesque beaches. It has a lot of heritage, with cobbled streets and Arabesque architecture.

There is a small catch to this bargain - the buyer must spend \$17,000 on repairing the property. The town owns the houses, so there is little red tape when buying a house. The deputy mayor said, "you'll get [a house] in no time". He said buyers would love the town because it is located in a natural reserve and has gorgeous beaches, woods and mountains. He said: "It's silent and peaceful - an idyllic retreat for a detox stay."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/one-dollar-home-sambuca-sicily-italy/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. It is a dream | a. lot of heritage |
| 2. get on the property | b. is falling |
| 3. a decline in | c. architecture |
| 4. The number of residents | d. sell quickly |
| 5. houses will | e. streets |
| 6. It has a | f. ladder |
| 7. cobbled | g. come true |
| 8. Arabesque | h. its population |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. There is a small catch to | a. tape |
| 2. spend \$17,000 on repairing | b. in a natural reserve |
| 3. there is little red | c. retreat |
| 4. The deputy | d. time |
| 5. you'll get a house in no | e. and peaceful |
| 6. it is located | f. mayor |
| 7. It's silent | g. this bargain |
| 8. an idyllic | h. the property |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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It is (1) _____ true to get on the property ladder. A town called Sambuca in Sicily is selling (2) _____ €1. This is because of (3) _____ its population. The number of residents is falling because young (4) _____ to cities. The mayor says the houses will sell quickly because his town is so attractive. It overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and is (5) _____ beaches. It has a lot of heritage, with (6) _____ Arabesque architecture.

There is a small (7) _____ bargain - the buyer must spend \$17,000 on repairing the property. The (8) _____ houses, so there is little (9) _____ buying a house. The deputy mayor said, "you'll get [a house] (10) _____". He said buyers would love the town because it is (11) _____ natural reserve and has gorgeous beaches, woods and mountains. He said: "It's silent and peaceful - an (12) _____ a detox stay."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMES FOR SALE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about homes for sale 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) _____

