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London 'slaves' rescued after 30 years

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves-4.html>

Three women were rescued from a London house after being held for 30 years. Police raided the home and were shocked by the "horrific conditions" the women were kept in for three decades. They found a 69-year-old Malaysian, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old Briton. One of the women contacted Freedom Charity, which helps victims of forced marriages. Police think the British woman was born in captivity. She has no experience of outside life.

Police said it was the early stages of a difficult and sensitive investigation. The women are "highly traumatised" after 30 years of being kept as slaves. They had no real experience of the outside world. Police said it would take time to find out the whole story. The charity said it was amazed at how no one knew the women were being kept in an ordinary residential street in central London. It said: "We often don't know our neighbours."

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-25046624>
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/lambeth-slaves-rescue-couple-arrested-2836465#ixzz2lMIfhYnU>
<http://news.sky.com/story/1171815/women-were-kept-as-slaves-for-over-30-years>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. rescued from | a. Briton |
| 2. horrific | b. in captivity |
| 3. kept in | c. conditions |
| 4. a 30-year-old | d. a London house |
| 5. victims of forced | e. for three decades |
| 6. born | f. marriages |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the early | a. out the whole story |
| 2. a difficult and sensitive | b. traumatised |
| 3. The women are highly | c. the outside world |
| 4. no real experience of | d. stages |
| 5. it would take time to find | e. street in central London |
| 6. an ordinary residential | f. investigation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Three women (1) _____ a London house after being held for 30 years. Police (2) _____ and were shocked by the "horrific conditions" the women (3) _____ three decades.

They found a 69-year-old Malaysian, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old Briton. One of (4) _____ Freedom Charity, which helps victims (5) _____. Police think the British woman was born in captivity. She has no experience (6) _____.

Police said it was the (7) _____ a difficult and sensitive investigation. The women are "(8) _____" after 30 years of being kept as slaves. They had (9) _____ of the outside world. Police said it would take time to (10) _____ story.

The charity said it was amazed at (11) _____ the women were being kept in an ordinary (12) _____ central London.

It said: "We often don't know our neighbours."

NEIGHBOURS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about neighbours 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) _____

