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## **Level 5**

# **London 'slaves' rescued after 30 years**

**24th November, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves-5.html>

Three women were rescued from a south London house after being held captive for 30 years. Police raided the home of a man and woman who reportedly held the women against their will in "horrific conditions" for three decades. The rescue happened after one of the women got a telephone and contacted Freedom Charity, which frees victims of forced marriages. Police found a 69-year-old Malaysian woman, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old Briton. Police think the British woman was born in captivity and then enslaved. She has no experience of life outside the house.

Police said: "This is the very early stages of a complicated and sensitive investigation." They said the women are "highly traumatised" after 30 years of being "held in servitude". The women had "no real exposure to the outside world". The police said it would take time to find out the whole story. A spokeswoman from the charity was amazed at how the women were kept for so long in the middle of London without anyone knowing. She said: "We often don't know our neighbours. We're looking at people who were kept against their will in an ordinary residential street in central London."

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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Three women were rescued from | a. Briton               |
| 2. held captive                  | b. their will           |
| 3. held the women against        | c. a south London house |
| 4. horrific                      | d. for 30 years         |
| 5. forced                        | e. outside the house    |
| 6. a 30-year-old                 | f. conditions           |
| 7. born in captivity and         | g. marriages            |
| 8. She has no experience of life | h. then enslaved        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. the very early                 | a. to the outside world    |
| 2. a complicated and              | b. held in servitude       |
| 3. the women are highly           | c. the whole story         |
| 4. 30 years of being              | d. for so long             |
| 5. no real exposure               | e. stages                  |
| 6. it would take time to find out | f. street                  |
| 7. how the women were kept        | g. sensitive investigation |
| 8. an ordinary residential        | h. traumatised             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves-5.html>

Three women (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a south London house after being held captive for 30 years. Police (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of a man and woman who reportedly held the women (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in "horrific conditions" for three decades. The rescue happened after one of the women got a telephone and contacted Freedom Charity, which frees victims (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Police found a 69-year-old Malaysian woman, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Police think the British woman (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and then enslaved. She has no experience of life outside the house.

Police said: "This is the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a complicated and sensitive investigation." They said the women (8) \_\_\_\_\_ after 30 years of being "(9) \_\_\_\_\_". The women had "no (10) \_\_\_\_\_ outside world". The police said it would take time to find out the whole story. A spokeswoman from the charity was amazed at how the women (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of London without anyone knowing. She said: "We often don't know our neighbours. We're looking at people who were kept against their (12) \_\_\_\_\_ residential street in central London."

# NEIGHBOURS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131124-london-slaves-5.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

