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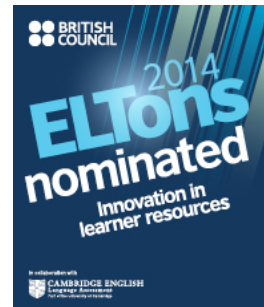
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36% in UK will never buy own home

23rd April

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140423-home-ownership.html>

U.K. house prices are so high that a third of British people will never buy their own home. A new report published by the Halifax Bank said home ownership was once an achievable goal for Britons but that the chances of getting on the property ladder are falling. The report says 20% of twentysomethings have no desire to buy their own home. The report said: "We may be heading towards the point where the [desire] to own a nice home will be replaced by the [desire] to simply live in one." It added: "It seems that people are now beginning to accept a lifetime of renting."

Britain's Office for National Statistics said U.K. house prices have risen by 10.5% in the past year. It expressed concern at what it called "runaway train" house prices. The average house was valued at \$425,000 in 2013. Things are worse for house hunters in London. Prices in the capital rose by 18 per cent last year to an average of \$610,000. The report warns of possible long-term social problems because of the division between homeowners and non-homeowners. It also said if there are fewer first-time buyers, "the market will come to a standstill". If this happens, prices will come down.

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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1404/140423-home-ownership.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. home | a. point where |
| 2. an achievable | b. ownership |
| 3. the chances of getting on the property | c. live in one |
| 4. 20% of | d. to buy |
| 5. no desire | e. goal |
| 6. heading towards the | f. lifetime of renting |
| 7. replaced by the desire to simply | g. ladder are falling |
| 8. beginning to accept a | h. twentysomethings |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Britain's Office for | a. and non-homeowners |
| 2. house prices have | b. concern |
| 3. It expressed | c. hunters |
| 4. house | d. risen by 10.5% |
| 5. possible long- | e. to a standstill |
| 6. the division between homeowners | f. time buyers |
| 7. fewer first- | g. National Statistics |
| 8. the market will come | h. term social problems |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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U.K. house prices (1) _____ a third of British people will never buy their own home. A new report published by the Halifax Bank said home ownership was once (2) _____ for Britons but that the chances of getting on (3) _____ are falling. The report says 20% of twentysomethings have (4) _____ their own home. The report said: "We may be heading towards the point where the [desire] to own a nice home will be replaced by the [desire] (5) _____." It added: "It seems that people are now beginning to accept a (6) _____."

Britain's Office (7) _____ said U.K. house prices have risen by 10.5% in the past year. It (8) _____ what it called "runaway train" house prices. The (9) _____ valued at \$425,000 in 2013. Things are (10) _____ in London. Prices in the capital rose by 18 per cent last year to an average of \$610,000. The report warns of (11) _____ social problems because of the division between homeowners and non-homeowners. It also said if there are fewer first-time buyers, "the market will (12) _____". If this happens, prices will come down.

HOME OWNERSHIP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about home ownership 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) _____

