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Millions of workers live with parents

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THE READING

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Two million workers in the U.K. live with their parents because they cannot buy or rent a home. Newspapers call them the "clipped wing generation" because they are like birds with cut wings. House prices are so high that many young people cannot afford to buy one. A quarter of young adults have to live with their parents or grandparents. Almost 50 per cent of people said the biggest problem was housing costs. Many young people in the U.K. move away from the family home when they start working. Rising house prices are now making this more difficult.

A young woman said she has been saving money for over ten years for a new apartment. She said it was very difficult because house prices keep going up. She is worried about the future. She told reporters she didn't want to rent, saying: "If I move out now, I'll be stuck paying expensive rents for the rest of my life....The thought that I'm going to be living like a teenager into my late 30s or even 40s is really disheartening."

A charity for homeless people said Britain needed to build more homes and sell them at a price that young people can afford.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1309194/house-prices-force-adults-to-live-with-parents>
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/two-million-young-people-still-3928838#ixzz38qi4RhAi>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/houseprices/10996825/Clipped-wing-generation-still-live-with-mum-and-dad.html>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Two million workers in the U.K. | a. "clipped wing generation" |
| 2. they cannot buy or | b. costs |
| 3. Newspapers call them the | c. this more difficult |
| 4. House prices are so | d. the family home |
| 5. young people cannot afford | e. live with their parents |
| 6. the biggest problem was housing | f. high |
| 7. move away from | g. rent a home |
| 8. Rising house prices are now making | h. to buy one |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. she has been saving | a. more homes |
| 2. house prices keep | b. rest of my life |
| 3. She is worried about | c. afford |
| 4. If I move | d. going up |
| 5. paying expensive rents for the | e. money |
| 6. living like a teenager | f. the future |
| 7. Britain needed to build | g. out now, I'll be stuck |
| 8. a price that young people can | h. into my late 30s |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two million workers in the U.K. (1) _____ because they cannot buy or rent a home. Newspapers call them the "clipped wing generation" because they (2) _____ cut wings. House prices (3) _____ many young people cannot afford to buy one. A (4) _____ adults have to live with their parents or grandparents. Almost 50 per cent of people said the biggest problem was housing costs. Many young people in the U.K. (5) _____ the family home when they start working. Rising house prices (6) _____ this more difficult.

A young woman said she has been (7) _____ over ten years for a new apartment. She said it was very difficult because house prices (8) _____. She is worried about the future. She told reporters she (9) _____, saying: "If I move out now, I'll be stuck paying expensive rents for (10) _____. The thought that I'm going to be living like a teenager (11) _____ or even 40s is really disheartening." A charity for homeless people said Britain needed to build more homes and sell them (12) _____ young people can afford.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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)

WRITING

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Write about **living at home** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
