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Level 0 – 16th January 2024

Los Angeles wildfires lead to sky-high rents

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Landlords in Los Angeles are profiting from the wildfires.

Tens of thousands of people need a house. However, some landlords increased their rents by thousands of dollars. Some rents doubled. Making money in a crisis is called price gouging. California introduced a law against price-gouging last week.

The wildfires shocked America. Many of LA's most exclusive areas have gone. Actress Paris Hilton lost her house. She wrote: "It feels like my heart has shattered into a million pieces." Beyonce's mother also lost her house. She wrote: "It was my favourite place. Now it is gone." Many people say climate change caused the fires.

Sources: <https://www.newsweek.com/la-renters-pride-gouging-los-angeles-wildfires-2013645>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Landlords | a. law |
| 2. profiting from | b. gouging |
| 3. Tens | c. doubled |
| 4. some landlords increased their | d. the wildfires |
| 5. Some rents | e. in a crisis |
| 6. Making money | f. of thousands of people |
| 7. California introduced a | g. rents |
| 8. a law against price- | h. in Los Angeles |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The wildfires | a. pieces |
| 2. Many of LA's most exclusive areas | b. her house |
| 3. Actress Paris Hilton lost | c. gone |
| 4. It feels like my heart | d. have gone |
| 5. into a million | e. favourite place |
| 6. It was my | f. has shattered |
| 7. Now it is | g. fires |
| 8. climate change caused the | h. shocked America |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Landlords in Los Angeles (1) _____ the wildfires. (2) _____ of people need a house. However, (3) _____ their rents by thousands of dollars. (4) _____. Making money in a (5) _____ price gouging. California introduced a law against price-(6) _____. (7) _____ America. Many of LA's most exclusive (8) _____. Actress Paris Hilton lost her house. She wrote: "It feels (9) _____ has shattered into (10) _____." Beyonce's mother also (11) _____. She wrote: "It was my favourite place. Now it is gone." Many people say climate change (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RENT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about rent 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) _____

