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## **Level 1**

# **Millions of workers live with parents**

**1st August, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140801-living-with-parents-1.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140801-living-with-parents-1.html>

Two million workers in the U.K. live with their parents because they cannot buy or rent a home. They are called the "clipped wing generation" because they are like birds with cut wings. U.K. house prices are high. Many young people cannot afford to buy one. Young adults live with their parents because of housing costs. Young British people move away from their family when they start working. High house prices are making this more difficult.

One woman has been saving money for ten years to buy an apartment. It is difficult because prices keep going up. She is worried about the future. She doesn't want to rent because rents are expensive. She said: "The thought that I'm going to be living like a teenager into my late 30s or even 40s is really disheartening." A charity said Britain must 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>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140801-living-with-parents-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Two million workers in the U.K.      | a. because of housing costs |
| 2. they cannot buy                      | b. cut wings                |
| 3. they are like birds with             | c. this more difficult      |
| 4. U.K. house prices                    | d. to buy one               |
| 5. Many young people cannot afford      | e. live with their parents  |
| 6. Young adults live with their parents | f. they start working       |
| 7. move away from their family when     | g. or rent a home           |
| 8. High house prices are making         | h. are high                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. One woman has been saving       | a. going up            |
| 2. buy an                          | b. people can afford   |
| 3. prices keep                     | c. the future          |
| 4. She is worried about            | d. 30s                 |
| 5. I'm going to be living          | e. money for ten years |
| 6. into my late                    | f. more homes          |
| 7. Britain must build              | g. apartment           |
| 8. sell them at a price that young | h. like a teenager     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Two (1) \_\_\_\_\_ U.K. live with their parents because they cannot (2) \_\_\_\_\_ home. They are called the "clipped wing generation" because they are like birds (3) \_\_\_\_\_. U.K. house prices are high. Many young people cannot (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Young adults live with their parents because (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Young British people move away from their family when they start working. High house prices (6) \_\_\_\_\_ difficult.

One woman has been saving money (7) \_\_\_\_\_ buy an apartment. It is difficult because (8) \_\_\_\_\_. She is worried about the future. She doesn't (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because rents are expensive. She said: "The thought that I'm (10) \_\_\_\_\_ like a teenager into my late 30s or even 40s (11) \_\_\_\_\_." A charity said Britain must build more homes and sell them at a price that (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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