

listening bank

Thinking of buying a house? Think again!

You are going to listen to part of a TV programme about the property market. The presenter interviews a number of UK-based buyers - hearing stories of their different experiences. Listen to the recording as many times as you need to and answer the questions below. The recording is on the MultiROM at the back of this Student's Book.



1 Which of the following sentences best summarizes the topic?

- 1 the rising cost of homes in Europe
- 2 recent developments in the housing market in the UK
- 3 the breakdown of the global housing market
- 4 buying a house is now easier than ever before

2 Mark the sentences true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The traditional housing market in London is changing as a result of high prices. _____
- 2 Elena owns two properties. _____
- 3 Elena changes her credit card every six months. _____
- 4 Steve had to move out of the warehouse because it was damaged by squatters. _____
- 5 Steve has to rent a sofa for his flat. _____
- 6 The White family moved house when Owen retired. _____

3 Write the correct number to complete each gap.

- a _____ the average cost of a house in London
- b _____ of the price is needed for a deposit
- c _____ the weekly amount Elena makes from her flat

- d _____ the average age people leave home in London
- e _____ the amount per week Steve pays to rent a sofa
- f _____ how much Steve is saving per week

4 Match the words or phrases (1-8) with the definitions (a-h).

- 1 a trend
 - 2 to climb a ladder
 - 3 outskirts
 - 4 deterrent
 - 5 to outstay your welcome
 - 6 to fly the coop
 - 7 a nest egg
 - 8 to fall over themselves (to do sth)
- a a thing that makes sb less likely to do sth
 - b to stay somewhere as a guest longer than you are wanted
 - c (about a young person) to leave the family home; to escape from a place
 - d to try very hard or want very much to do sth
 - e general direction in which a situation is changing or developing
 - f the parts of a town or city that are furthest from the centre
 - g a series of stages by which you can make progress in a plan, career, or organization
 - h a sum of money that you save to use in the future

Over to you

- 1 What is the current state of the property market in your country? Do the majority of adults have a mortgage or pay rent?
- 2 What's your 'dream home'? Considering your current financial commitments, how achievable is that dream?

