

LISTENING TEST (1 point)

SLEEPING ROUGH

Introduction

In this recording you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

sleep rough – durmir na rúa / dormir en la calle

mortgage – hipoteca / hipoteca

tenants – inquilinos, inquilinas / inquilinos, inquilinas

squat – casa ocupada / casa ocupada

Here is the beginning of the recording:

Presenter: On the *In Europe* programme this week, we look at the situation of homeless teenagers across the continent. We also speak to two Members of the European Parliament for their opinions on what Europe can do about the problem.
Every night, as many as 100 teenagers are sleeping rough across the United Kingdom. In the Ukraine, some teenagers have spent between seven and eight years living on the streets, and in St Petersburg in Russia there are 5,000 homeless young people.

Here is an example of a question:

What did a study by the University of York show about Britain?

The correct answer is: 'The study showed that in Britain there has been an increase in the number of homeless people in recent years.'

Ready? Now read the rest of the questions before listening to the recording. Now write the correct answers. Remember to write complete sentences.

Questions

1. What does the radio presenter say about the life expectancy of a homeless person in Britain?

2. Complete the following sentence from the recording.

Every night, hundreds of youngsters across the continent sleep on their friends' sofas or _____

_____ bedroom in an old flat.

3. According to the Swedish MEP, what problem do parents face if they are unemployed or badly paid?

4. What do some young people experience when they try to work and study?

5. Complete the following sentence from the recording.

In some extreme cases, when older children can't help out with the bills, _____

_____ ask them to leave.

6. Does the Swedish MEP think that young people take advantage of social services?

7. According to the Swedish MEP, what is happening to spending on social services across the continent?

8. Complete the following sentence from the recording.

Parents have to take responsibility for their children and can't just let them walk out of the door and

_____ to look after them.

9. What does the British MEP say that some teenagers do when they have arguments with their parents?

10. According to the British MEP, what should older children do if the family is having financial problems?
