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Level 6

New Zealand to ban foreign home buyers

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

New Zealand's government has announced a ban on the purchase of homes by foreigners. Soon-to-be Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced on Tuesday that the ban would begin in early 2018. The measure is to address the current housing crisis in New Zealand. For the past few decades, overseas buyers have been snapping up houses as investments or for holiday homes in New Zealand. This has created an increased demand for properties, which has seen house prices soar. Prices have risen by more than 50 per cent in the last decade. New Zealanders are up in arms at the inflated prices they now have to pay to buy a home. Many citizens have simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing ladder.

Ms Ardern expressed her determination to end the practice of overseas investment increasing property prices. She said: "We are determined to make it easier for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and driving up prices. Kiwis should not be outbid like this." However, the new measure will not apply to Australians. Furthermore, overseas investors will still be able to buy land. Ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying residential land to build a house on. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to supply...then you will be able to build." Ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of the heat" out of the property market.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-newzealand-politics-housing/new-zealand-pm-says-ban-on-foreign-home-buyers-to-start-early-2018-idUSKBN1D00AR?il=0>
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WARM-UPS

1. HOME BUYERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about home buyers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

New Zealand / homes / foreigners / housing crisis / house prices / housing ladder / determination / investment / speculators / measure / overseas / position / property

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. OVERSEAS INVESTORS: Students A **strongly** believe overseas investors should be allowed to buy homes in other countries; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. NON-CITIZENS: Should non-citizens be allowed to do these things in your country? Why / Why not? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Allowed to...	Yes (If they.....) / No?	Why / Why Not?
buy a house		
drive		
work		
start a business		
vote		
stay for one year		

5. HOUSE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "house". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. INVESTMENTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best investments at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- houses
- stocks and shares
- foreign currency
- Internet start-ups
- art
- gold
- stamps
- education

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. purchase | a. A time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger. |
| 2. measure | b. The process of being able to buy your first house and then perhaps sell it and buy a more expensive one. |
| 3. address | c. Get something by paying for it. |
| 4. crisis | d. Think about and begin to deal with an issue or problem. |
| 5. soar | e. A plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose. |
| 6. up in arms | f. Increase rapidly above the usual level. |
| 7. housing ladder | g. Very angry. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. practice | h. Being strong in your desire to do something. |
| 9. determination | i. People who invest in stocks, property, or other projects in the hope of getting more money. |
| 10. speculators | j. Make something needed or wanted available to people. |
| 11. outbid | k. The actual use of an idea, belief, or method as opposed to theories about it. |
| 12. residential | l. A building or buildings and the land belonging to it or them. |
| 13. supply | m. Designed for people to live in. |
| 14. property | n. Offer to pay a higher price for something than another person. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The ban on foreign home buyers will begin in 2019. **T / F**
- b. There is a housing crisis in New Zealand. **T / F**
- c. Overseas investors have been buying up homes in NZ for centuries. **T / F**
- d. The article said New Zealanders want to buy a ladder for their house. **T / F**
- e. New Zealand's leader wants to make it easier for kiwis to make nests. **T / F**
- f. Australians can still buy houses in New Zealand. **T / F**
- g. Non-citizens can still buy residential land in New Zealand. **T / F**
- h. NZ's leader wants to cool the property market down. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. announced | a. resolution |
| 2. measure | b. high |
| 3. soar | c. stance |
| 4. inflated | d. pay for |
| 5. afford | e. purchase |
| 6. determination | f. construct |
| 7. apply | g. increase |
| 8. buy | h. made public |
| 9. build | i. action |
| 10. position | j. be relevant |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. address the current housing | a. arms |
| 2. overseas buyers have been snapping | b. of the property market |
| 3. which has seen house prices | c. to end the practice |
| 4. New Zealanders are up in | d. the housing ladder |
| 5. cannot afford to get on | e. apply to Australians |
| 6. Ms Ardern expressed her determination | f. crisis |
| 7. make it easier for Kiwis | g. land |
| 8. the new measure will not | h. soar |
| 9. residential | i. to buy their first home |
| 10. take some of the heat" out | j. up houses as investments |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

New Zealand's government has announced a ban on the (1) _____ of homes by foreigners. Soon-to-be Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced on Tuesday that the ban would begin in early 2018. The (2) _____ is to address the current housing (3) _____ in New Zealand. For the past few decades, overseas buyers have been (4) _____ up houses as investments or for holiday homes in New Zealand. This has created an increased demand for properties, which has seen house prices (5) _____. Prices have risen by more than 50 per cent in the last (6) _____. New Zealanders are up in arms at the (7) _____ prices they now have to pay to buy a home. Many citizens have simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing (8) _____.

snapping

decade

purchase

ladder

crisis

inflated

measure

soar

Ms Ardern expressed her determination to end the (9) _____ of overseas investment increasing property prices. She said: "We are (10) _____ to make it easier for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we are stopping foreign (11) _____ buying houses and driving up prices. Kiwis should not be outbid like this." However, the new measure will not (12) _____ to Australians. Furthermore, overseas investors will still be (13) _____ to buy land. Ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying (14) _____ land to build a house on. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to (15) _____ ...then you will be able to build." Ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of the (16) _____ " out of the property market.

residential

determined

apply

heat

practice

supply

able

speculators

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

- 1) The measure is to address the current _____
 - a. housing crisis
 - b. housing cry sighs
 - c. housing cries is
 - d. housing kisses
- 2) This has created an increased demand for properties, which has seen house _____
 - a. prices soar
 - b. prices sore
 - c. prices thaw
 - d. prices saw
- 3) Prices have risen by more than 50 per cent _____
 - a. in the lasting decade
 - b. in a last decade
 - c. in the last decade
 - d. in the last decades
- 4) Many citizens have simply been priced out _____
 - a. of the marketing
 - b. of the marketed
 - c. of the markets
 - d. of the market
- 5) cannot afford to get on the _____
 - a. house in larder
 - b. housed in ladder
 - c. housing ladder
 - d. housing ladle
- 6) end the practice of overseas investment increasing _____
 - a. property's prices
 - b. property prices
 - c. property price
 - d. property's price
- 7) so we are stopping foreign speculators buying houses _____ prices
 - a. and drive in up
 - b. and driven up
 - c. and driving up
 - d. and driving in up
- 8) However, the new measure will _____ Australians
 - a. not reply to
 - b. not apply to
 - c. not comply to
 - d. not supply to
- 9) the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying _____
 - a. residence shall land
 - b. residents shall land
 - c. resident shall land
 - d. residential land
- 10) Ardern said she hopes the ban will take some _____
 - a. of the heat out
 - b. of the heated out
 - c. of a heat out
 - d. off the heat out

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Ms Ardern expressed her determination to (7) _____ of overseas investment increasing property prices. She said: "We are determined to (8) _____ for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and driving up prices. Kiwis should not (9) _____ this." However, the new measure will not apply to Australians. Furthermore, (10) _____ will still be able to buy land. Ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from (11) _____ land to build a house on. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to supply...then you will be able to build." Ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of (12) _____ of the property market.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

1. When will New Zealand begin the ban on foreign home owners?
2. What kind of crisis is there in New Zealand?
3. What two reasons did the article give for foreigners buying homes?
4. By how much have house prices in NZ risen in the last decade?
5. What can't many New Zealanders afford to get on?
6. Who does NZ's leader want to make things easier for?
7. Who will the new measure not apply to?
8. What can non-citizens in NZ still buy?
9. What did NZ's leader say it was OK to add to?
10. What does Jacinda Ardern want to take out of the property market?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

- 1) When will New Zealand begin the ban on foreign home owners?
 - a) December
 - b) next Summer
 - c) early 2018
 - d) it hasn't been decided yet
- 2) What kind of crisis is there in New Zealand?
 - a) a housing crisis
 - b) a construction crisis
 - c) a health crisis
 - d) an environmental problem
- 3) What two reasons did the article give for foreigners buying homes?
 - a) investments and holiday homes
 - b) renting and selling
 - c) business and commerce
 - d) to live and get a visa
- 4) By how much have house prices in NZ risen in the last decade?
 - a) less than 50%
 - b) more than 50%
 - c) exactly 50%
 - d) around 50%
- 5) What can't many New Zealanders afford to get on?
 - a) a cruise ship
 - b) a bus
 - c) the roof of their house
 - d) the housing ladder
- 6) Who does NZ's leader want to make things easier for?
 - a) everyone
 - b) Kiwis
 - c) Australians
 - d) themselves
- 7) Who will the new measure not apply to?
 - a) Australians
 - b) the leader
 - c) Kiwis
 - d) everyone
- 8) What can non-citizens in NZ still buy?
 - a) visas
 - b) voting rights
 - c) residential land
 - d) apartment buildings
- 9) What did NZ's leader say it was OK to add to?
 - a) the number of kiwis
 - b) the population
 - c) public funds
 - d) the supply of housing
- 10) What does Jacinda Ardern want to take out of the property market?
 - a) heat
 - b) people
 - c) ladders
 - d) positions

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Houses

You think houses are the best things to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these investments (and why): Internet start-ups, stocks and shares or education.

Role B – Internet Start-ups

You think Internet start-ups are the best things to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these investments (and why): houses, stocks and shares or education.

Role C – Stocks and Shares

You think stocks and shares are the best things to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these investments (and why): Internet start-ups, houses or education.

Role D – Education

You think education are the best things to invest in. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these investments (and why): Internet start-ups, stocks and shares or houses.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'home' and 'property'.

home	property

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• soon• address• snapping• soar• arms• ladder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• end• easier• driving• apply• build• heat
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HOME BUYERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about home buyers 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.

HOME BUYERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'house'?
3. Should foreigners be allowed to buy homes in your country?
4. What is the best thing about home ownership?
5. What is the housing market like in your country?
6. What is a housing crisis?
7. Is it better to buy or rent a house?
8. How can a country make sure there are enough houses for people?
9. How important is it to get on the housing ladder?
10. How difficult is it to get on the housing ladder?

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HOME BUYERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'property'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why is overseas investment in houses bad?
15. How good is property to invest in?
16. Where would you like to buy a house?
17. What kind of house would you like to buy?
18. What kind of place do you currently live in?
19. Will the ban "take the heat" out of the housing situation?
20. What questions would you like to ask the soon-to-be prime minister?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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New Zealand's government has announced a ban on (1) _____ purchase of homes by foreigners. Soon-to-(2) _____ Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced on Tuesday that the ban would (3) _____ in early 2018. The measure is to address the current housing crisis in New Zealand. For the past few decades, overseas buyers have been (4) _____ up houses as investments or for holiday homes in New Zealand. This has created an increased demand for properties, which has seen house prices soar. Prices have (5) _____ by more than 50 per cent in the last decade. New Zealanders are up in arms at the inflated prices they now have to pay to buy a home. Many citizens have simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing (6) _____.

Ms Ardern expressed her determination to end the (7) _____ of overseas investment increasing property prices. She said: "We are determined to make it easier for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we are stopping foreign (8) _____ buying houses and driving up prices. Kiwis should not be outbid like this." However, the new measure will not (9) _____ to Australians. Furthermore, (10) _____ investors will still be able to buy land. Ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying residential land to build a house on. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to (11) _____ ...then you will be able to build." Ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of the (12) _____" out of the property market.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) a | (b) that | (c) the | (d) this |
| 2. | (a) be | (b) being | (c) been | (d) becoming |
| 3. | (a) begin | (b) began | (c) benign | (d) being |
| 4. | (a) snapping | (b) slapping | (c) swapping | (d) snipping |
| 5. | (a) arisen | (b) rising | (c) rose | (d) risen |
| 6. | (a) scale | (b) stairs | (c) steps | (d) ladder |
| 7. | (a) practice | (b) practicum | (c) practical | (d) practitioner |
| 8. | (a) speculative | (b) spectators | (c) spectacles | (d) speculators |
| 9. | (a) apply | (b) relevant | (c) request | (d) exert |
| 10. | (a) seven seas | (b) overseas | (c) deep-sea | (d) undersea |
| 11. | (a) reserve | (b) supply | (c) demand | (d) serve |
| 12. | (a) heat | (b) hot | (c) heating | (d) heater |

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SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. noaunchedn a ban
2. the pruhesca of homes
3. arssded the current housing crisis
4. For the past few ceeasdd
5. an increased demand for oereripstp
6. up in arms at the afnitedl prices

Paragraph 2

7. end the practice of reeosavs investment
8. stopping foreign eputsrcosal
9. the new amsuere
10. non-cizestni
11. buying dienlrsitae land
12. adding to ppuyls

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Ms Ardern expressed her determination to end the practice of overseas investment increasing property
- () investors will still be able to buy land. Ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens
- () like this." However, the new measure will not apply to Australians. Furthermore, overseas
- () decade. New Zealanders are up in arms at the inflated prices they now have to pay to buy a home. Many citizens have
- (**1**) New Zealand's government has announced a ban on the purchase of homes by foreigners. Soon-to-
- () up houses as investments or for holiday homes in New Zealand. This has created an increased demand for
- () prices. She said: "We are determined to make it easier for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we are stopping foreign
- () the current housing crisis in New Zealand. For the past few decades, overseas buyers have been snapping
- () from buying residential land to build a house on. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to
- () be Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced on Tuesday that the ban would begin in early 2018. The measure is to address
- () properties, which has seen house prices soar. Prices have risen by more than 50 per cent in the last
- () supply, then you will be able to build." Ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of the heat" out of the property market.
- () simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing ladder.
- () speculators buying houses and driving up prices. Kiwis should not be outbid

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. The the measure current is housing to crisis address .
2. up snapping been have Buyers investments as houses .
3. the in 50% than more by risen have Prices decade last .
4. the citizens been of Many simply out market have priced .
5. on get to afford Cannot ladder housing the .
6. to first it Kiwis their Make for buy home easier .
7. stopping speculators houses are foreign buying We .
8. will buy still land be Overseas able investors to .
9. land residential Buying on house a build to .
10. heat the Take the of market of out property some .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

New Zealand's government has announced a ban on the *purchase / purchases* of homes by foreigners. Soon-to-be Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced on Tuesday that the ban would *benign / begin* in early 2018. The measure is to *address / mail* the current housing crisis in New Zealand. For the past few *decadence / decades*, overseas buyers have been *snapping / snipping* up houses as investments or for holiday homes in New Zealand. This has created an increased *remand / demand* for properties, which has seen house prices *soar / sore*. Prices have risen by more than 50 per cent in the last decade. New Zealanders are up in *arms / legs* at the inflated prices they now have to pay to buy a home. Many *citizenry / citizens* have simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing *ladder / steps*.

Ms Ardern expressed her *determination / determined* to end the practice of *overseas / undersea* investment increasing property prices. She said: "We are determined to make *it / them* easier for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and *driven / driving* up prices. Kiwis should not be *biding / outbid* like this." However, the new measure will not *apply / appliance* to Australians. *Furthermore / Furtherance*, overseas investors will still be able to buy land. Ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying *residence / residential* land to build a house on. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to *supply / demand*...then you will be able to build." Ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of the heat" out of the *property / prosper* market.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171102-home-buyers.html>

New Zealand's government has announced ban on the purchase of homes by foreigners. So-called Prime Minister John Key said the ban will take effect from the beginning of early 2018. The measure is to address the current housing crisis in New Zealand. For the past few decades, investors have been snapping up homes in New Zealand. These houses are used as second home demand for properties, which has seen the price soar. Prices have risen by more than 50 percent in the last decade. New Zealanders reportedly thought the inflated prices they now have to pay to buy a home. Many citizens have simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing ladder.

Ms Key said expressed her determination to end the practice of investors investing in property prices. She said: "We're determined to make it easier for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we're stopping foreigners speculating by buying houses and driving up prices. Kiwis should not be troubled by this." However, the new measure will not apply to investors. Further, investors will still be able to buy land. Key said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying residential land to build a house. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're adding to supply...then you will be able to build." Key said she hopes the ban will "take some of the heat" off the property market.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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new zealand's government has announced a ban on the purchase of homes by foreigners soon-to-be prime minister jacinda ardern announced on tuesday that the ban would begin in early 2018 the measure is to address the current housing crisis in new zealand for the past few decades overseas buyers have been snapping up houses as investments or for holiday homes in new zealand this has created an increased demand for properties which has seen house prices soar prices have risen by more than 50 per cent in the last decade new zealanders are up in arms at the inflated prices they now have to pay to buy a home many citizens have simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing ladder

ms ardern expressed her determination to end the practice of overseas investment increasing property prices she said "we are determined to make it easier for kiwis to buy their first home so we are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and driving up prices kiwis should not be outbid like this" however the new measure will not apply to australians furthermore overseas investors will still be able to buy land ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying residential land to build a house on she stated "our position has always been that if you're adding to supply...then you will be able to build" ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of the heat" out of the property market

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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New Zealand's government has announced a ban on the purchase of homes by foreigners. Soon-to-be Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced on Tuesday that the ban would begin in early 2018. The measure is to address the current housing crisis in New Zealand. For the past few decades, overseas buyers have been snapping up houses as investments or for holiday homes in New Zealand. This has created an increased demand for properties, which has seen house prices soar. Prices have risen by more than 50 percent in the last decade. New Zealanders are up in arms at the inflated prices they now have to pay to buy a home. Many citizens have simply been priced out of the market and cannot afford to get on the housing ladder. Ms Ardern expressed her determination to end the practice of overseas investment increasing property prices. She said: "We are determined to make it easier for Kiwis to buy their first home, so we are stopping foreign speculators buying houses and driving up prices. Kiwis should not be outbid like this." However, the new measure will not apply to Australians. Furthermore, overseas investors will still be able to buy land. Ardern said the changes would not stop non-residents or non-citizens from buying residential land to build a house on. She stated: "Our position has always been that if you're reading to supply... then you will be able to build." Ardern said she hopes the ban will "take some of the heat" out of the property market.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PROPERTY: Make a poster about residential property in your country. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HOME BUYERS: Write a magazine article about citizens being allowed to buy homes in their country. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on residential homes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on who can and cannot buy homes in your country. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. announced | a. made public |
| 2. measure | b. action |
| 3. soar | c. increase |
| 4. inflated | d. high |
| 5. afford | e. pay for |
| 6. determination | f. resolution |
| 7. apply | g. be relevant |
| 8. buy | h. purchase |
| 9. build | i. construct |
| 10. position | j. stance |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Early 2018
2. A housing crisis
3. As an investment and as a holiday home
4. 50%
5. The housing ladder
6. Kiwis
7. Australians
8. Residential land
9. Supply (of housing)
10. The heat

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)