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Tom

Hi everybody, I'm Tom. Welcome to today's episode of English Together.

Sam

Hello, I'm Sam.

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You're in a good mood today, Sam!

Sam

Today's payday! I just got paid!

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Oh nice! Are you going to spend it on anything special?

Sam

No, I like to keep my money in the bank, where it's as safe as houses!

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What? Are you going to buy a house?

Tom

No! If something is as safe as houses, it means that it's very secure or stable. It comes from the British belief that buying a house is one of the best investments you can make.

Sam

You'd be lucky! It's so difficult to buy houses here! Most people struggle to pay their rent.

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'Rent' ኪራይ ማለት ነው። ስለእርሱ ካወራን አይቀር የዛሬው ጥያቄ ይህን። አንድ የለንደን ነዋሪ ከደመወዙ ውስጥ በአማካይ ምን ያህሉን የቤት ኪራይ ላይ ያውለዋል?

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ለ) አርባ በመቶ አቅራቢያ

ሐ) ሃምሳ በመቶ አቅራቢያ

Tom

Well, I won't spoil the answer for our listeners, but I will say that rental costs in London are ridiculous!

Sam

The thing is, there's so much demand for rented property in London that landlords can afford to charge whatever they want!

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አዎ! 'Property' ንብረት ማለት ሲሆን 'landlord' ደግሞ አከራይ ማለት ነው። እስቲ የዛሬውን ዜና እንስማ። ከ BBC Radio 4's You and Yours, መርኃ ግብር ላይ የተወሰደ ነው። የለንደን ነዋሪዎች ከፍተኛ ኪራይን ስለሚያስቀሩባቸው መንገዶች ያወራሉ።

Presenter:

In London, a growing number of people are saving money on their rent by living as caretakers in empty buildings. They call these people property guardians and there are 7,000 of them in the UK now, most of them in the capital. The idea came from the Netherlands, and it really took off in London after the financial crash. Thirty companies manage property guardian services there. But new research for York University for the London Assembly has found that property guardians are sometimes in substandard housing with very few rights. Rex Deuce is a property guardian in London.

Rex:

I became a property guardian because I'd been living in private renting for about 4 years in London and I was able to get cheaper space and a larger space as a guardian. I've lived in about eight or nine properties, and on average they range from about six months, nine months to about eighteen months. I am currently living in a very run-down pub, I'm about to move out, in fact, in a week and a half. It's full of holes. It leaks. When it snows outside it's as cold inside as outside, so it's probably the worst-condition building I've ever lived in.

Tom

What a horrible living situation!

Sam

Well, if you can't rent cheaply, why not take care of someone else's property for a while?

Tom

I think you're missing the point here, Sam. These people are having to pay too much money to live in poor-quality accommodation. They are being exploited because the housing market in London is too crowded!

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'Exploited' የተበዘበዘ ማለት ነው። Well, nobody is forcing them, I suppose.

Sam

Yes, the man in the interview agreed to live there. What's exploitative about that?

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Tom

49% of your salary on rent! That's ridiculous! I don't think it's fair that landlords are able to extort all this money out of people just because they own a few houses! I think this is something that we need to do something about!

Sam

I think you need to calm down, Tom. There are lots of benefits to life in London, rent's just something you have to put up with.

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'To put up with' መቻል፣ ችሎ መቆየት ወይንም መቋቋም ማለት ነው። Yes, you shouldn't get so upset over something you can't control. People here put up with lots of things.

Tom

Well, I suppose your money is 'safe as houses' if you're a landlord. I still don't think it's fair that their high rent is something we have to put up with, though...

Sam

Tom, you know the other expression that uses 'put up'?

Tom

No...

Sam

Put up, or shut up!

Tom

Hey!

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