



## Reading 43

*Восстановите логическую последовательность абзацев в тексте. Внимание: один абзац лишний.*

### Gap A

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### Gap B

It wasn't until seven days later that they were able to inform Ms Boulder of the suspicious situation. Ms Boulder was horrified, and urged her neighbours to contact the police. She would catch the next flight home, cutting her dream trip short by five weeks.

### Gap C

Fuelled with rage, she ran out of the house and headed to the police station. She explained her situation to the officer, who informed her that she would need to prove that the house washers and then they would investigate the issue. "This is not going to be resolved overnight", the officer informed her.

### Gap D

The scene that she encountered was awful. All of the possessions that the squatters were uninterested in had been shoved into plastic bags and left in a spare room. Her beautiful cream carpets were filthy with footprints and mud and the majority of her walls had been covered with posters of young pop stars. Ms Boulder was quite understandably, upset. The home that she had lived in for twenty years was a mess.

### Gap E

Those who have been targeted are requesting the law be changed to strongly favour those affected. As Ms Boulder claims, "Ten days is too long. The police should have the power to act immediately." A proposed change has been presented to the government, and hopefully we will see a change in the near future.

- 1) Ms Boulder's situation is not unique. In June, there were an additional four cases in the same town, which suggests there is a group of squatters operating in the area.
- 2) When Ms Boulder arrived in north London, she stormed up her driveway with her front door key in hand, only to find her key didn't fit in the lock. Enraged, she pounded the door with her fist. A lady wearing Ms Boulder's dress and pearl jewellery opened the door. Ms Boulder was invited into her own house and told to calm down by the intruder. The imposter told Ms Boulder that she had rented the property from Daniel, Ms Boulder's nephew. She proved it by showing the home owner the contract signed by both parties. However, this was a fabrication as Ms Boulder did not have a nephew.
- 3) The number of squatters occupying houses in the UK has grown drastically. Squatters, people that occupy properties without paying rent, are becoming a grave problem to those leaving their homes unattended for long, and even short, periods of time. What is more, they are claiming that they entered the property because 'the door was left open' which immediately relieves them from the criminal charge of breaking and entering.
- 4) It in fact took ten days to get the judge to agree to an eviction. On the tenth day, Ms Boulder and her neighbours stood outside waiting for the squatters to leave. As the six squatters walked out, they carried suitcases, which later, it emerged, were packed with Ms Boulder's clothes and possessions. Once the group had stuffed their new-found belongings into two taxis, Ms Boulder ran into her house.
- 5) Ms Boulder found it hard to believe that her house had been the target of squatters. She was not a rich woman and her house did not contain any modern technology or expensive goods. There were, however, plenty of other houses in the area which would have definitely been more appealing.
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