



**BBC RADIO 4 NEWS**  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
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**ELEMENTARY: CORRECT THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE**

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3. It is trying to find homes for 500 people.
4. The borough says they can't afford to work in the capital.
5. The Government is now capping (i.e. putting a limit on) how much housing benefit any foreigner can receive.
6. Newham has written to nearly 200 organisations.
7. People can claim nearly £2,100 a year in rent.
8. The mayor of Newham is Sir Robin Vales.
9. He says problems in the borough are 'cute'.
10. Sir Robin says 'We've got a written list of 32,000.'
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12. The former boss of News International, Seamus Murdoch, will give evidence today.
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14. He'll be questioned about phone-hacking at The News of the World.
  
15. Police are investigating a murder in Northern Ireland in 1993.
16. They have arrested a man in Blackpull.
17. Detectives have been looking into the shooting of a Catholic man in his garden in west Belfast.
  
18. A bomb has gone off in the Saudi capital Damascus.
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20. The next story is about the manager of Rangers Football Club at the time it went into administration.
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22. The administrators say they're very disappointed by the fine of £116,000.
  
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2. The borough has written to housing organisations around the capital. **around the country**
3. It is trying to find homes for 500 people. **500 families**
4. The borough says they can't afford to work in the capital. **'can't afford to rent in the capital'**
5. The Government is now capping (i.e. putting a limit on) how much housing benefit any foreigner can receive. **any family can receive**
6. Newham has written to nearly 200 organisations. **nearly 1200 organisations**
7. People can claim nearly £2,100 a year in rent. **nearly £21,000**
8. The mayor of Newham is Sir Robin Vales. **Sir Robin Wales**
9. He says problems in the borough are 'cute'. **'acute'**
10. Sir Robin says 'We've got a written list of 32,000.' **'a waiting list'**
11. He said thousands of people are looking for places to stay. **hundreds, not thousands**
  
12. The former boss of News International, Seamus Murdoch, will give evidence today. **James Murdoch**
13. He is giving evidence to the Leveson Inquiry into police standards. **into press standards**
14. He'll be questioned about phone-hacking at The News of the World. **The News of the World**
  
15. Police are investigating a murder in Northern Ireland in 1993. **in 1973**
16. They have arrested a man in Blackpull. **Blackpool**
17. Detectives have been looking into the shooting of a Catholic man in his garden in west Belfast. **'on his doorstep', not in his garden**
  
18. A bomb has gone off in the Saudi capital Damascus. **the Syrian capital**
19. A TV station that supports the government blamed Turkish groups for the attack. **terrorist groups**
  
20. The next story is about the manager of Rangers Football Club at the time it went into administration. **the owner of Rangers Football Club**
21. Craig Wade has been banned for life from involvement in Scottish football. **Craig White**
22. The administrators say they're very disappointed by the fine of £116,000. **£160,000**
  
23. Donations to a charity which was supported by a swimmer who died in the London Marathon have exceeded £250,000. **a runner, not a swimmer**
24. Claire Squires was in her early 20s. **'The 30-year-old'**
25. She collapsed in the final stages of the race on Saturday. **on Sunday**



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  3. What can't the families afford?
  4. Which verb means 'to put a limit on something'?
  5. How many housing associations has Newham written to?
  6. What is the maximum amount people can claim from the Government in rent per year?
  7. Where should no one be forced to move to, according to the Government?
  8. What is the name of the mayor of Newham?
  9. How many people in Newham are waiting to be re-homed?
  10. Which word means 'more affluent' or 'richer'?
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11. Which company did James Murdoch use to run?
  12. What standards is the Leveson Inquiry investigating?
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14. When did the murder in Northern Ireland take place?
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  16. Which word is used to describe the victim?
  17. Where was he shot in west Belfast?
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21. What is the surname of the owner of Rangers Football Club at the time it went into administration?
  22. What has this man been banned from involvement in for life?
  23. How much has the club been fined?
  24. How do the administrators feel about this?
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  27. How old was Claire Squires?
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2. Who is Newham trying to find homes for around the country? **500 families**
3. What can't the families afford? **They can't afford to rent in the capital.**
4. Which verb means 'to put a limit on something'? **to cap ('partly because the Government is capping how much housing benefit any family can receive')**
5. How many housing associations has Newham written to? **nearly 1200**
6. What is the maximum amount people can claim from the Government in rent per year? **nearly £21,000**
7. Where should no one be forced to move to, according to the Government?  
**Somewhere they don't want to go.**
8. What is the name of the mayor of Newham? **Sir Robin Wales**
9. How many people in Newham are waiting to be re-homed? **32,000**
10. Which word means 'more affluent' or 'richer'? **'wealthier'**
  
11. Which company did James Murdoch use to run? **News International**
12. What standards is the Leveson Inquiry investigating? **press standards**
13. Which newspaper did James Murdoch use to run? **The News of the World**
  
14. When did the murder in Northern Ireland take place? **in 1973**
15. Where have the police arrested a man? **in Blackpool**
16. Which word is used to describe the victim? **Catholic**
17. Where was he shot in west Belfast? **on his doorstep**
  
18. What has gone off in the Syrian capital Damascus? **a bomb**
19. Who did a pro-government TV station blame for the attack? **terrorist groups**
20. Was anyone killed in the explosion? **No. 'three people were wounded'**
  
21. What is the surname of the owner of Rangers Football Club at the time it went into administration? **White**
22. What has this man been banned from involvement in for life? **Scottish football**
23. How much has the club been fined? **£160,000**
24. How do the administrators feel about this? **'very disappointed'**
  
25. What did the runner die during? **the London Marathon**
26. How much have donations to the charity the runner supported exceeded? **quarter of a million pounds/£250,000**
27. How old was Claire Squires? **She was 30.**
28. When did she collapse? **in the final stages of the race on Sunday**



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4. Newham \_\_\_\_\_ to nearly 1200 housing organisations.
5. The Government says people can still claim nearly £\_\_\_\_\_ a year in \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Newham, Sir \_\_\_\_\_, says the problems in Newham are '\_\_\_\_\_'.  
8. He says '\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. We've got hundreds of people looking for places to \_\_\_\_\_. And the \_\_\_\_\_ of Government benefit \_\_\_\_\_, which are still working through as well, means that many more people from \_\_\_\_\_ parts of London are looking for \_\_\_\_\_ to live in London and \_\_\_\_\_ just not there.'
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17. It said \_\_\_\_\_ people were injured in the attack.
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19. The administrators say \_\_\_\_\_ very \_\_\_\_\_ at the fine of £\_\_\_\_\_ which was \_\_\_\_\_ on the club.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ to a charity which was supported by a \_\_\_\_\_ who died in the London Marathon now stand at over £\_\_\_\_\_.
21. Thirty-year-old Claire Squires \_\_\_\_\_ in the final \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday.



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