

Topic: housing in the U.S.  
Source: www.npr.org  
Title: Fair Housing

## LISTEN...

**1.** Listen to the following extract from a news program about housing in the US. (**Listening skills practiced:** Listening for general meaning // **Activity duration:** News extract: 3.31 min.; Total activity: 4 min. approx.)

## AFTER YOU LISTEN...

**2.** Listen to the extract again and answer the questions below. (**Score:** 12.5 marks // **Listening skills practiced:** Listening for specific information // **Other skills practiced:** Writing (summarizing; gap-filling // **Activity duration:** 6 min.)

1. Summarize this news report in ONE SINGLE SENTENCE and no more than 30 words. (2 marks)

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2. What does the latest annual report of the National Fair Housing Alliance say? (2 marks)

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3. Briefly summarize what happened to the Marine County family who were looking for a larger home and what the head of the family did after the incident. (3 marks)

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4. Shannah Smith, President of the National Fair Housing Alliance, mentions 3 different sectors of the American population who suffer discrimination. (1.5 marks)

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5. S. Smith and K. Marcus, from the *Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity*, agree on the fact that housing discrimination is underreported, but they disagree about what is necessary to solve the problem. Briefly state what is the focus of their disagreement and what has been, so far, the reaction of the Bush administration to solve the problem. (4 marks)

(Smith & Marcus disagreement):

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(Bush Administration reaction):

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**3.** Listen to the extract one last time and find out which words or phrases mean approximately the same as the ones below. (**Score:** 7.5 marks (1.25 marks each) // **Listening skills practiced:** Listening for specific information // **Activity duration:** 6 min.)

1. Separated according to race \_\_\_\_\_
2. House \_\_\_\_\_
3. Explicitly and bluntly \_\_\_\_\_
4. Not lucrative \_\_\_\_\_
5. Implementation (of a law or similar) \_\_\_\_\_
6. In a way that is successful and achieves what you want  
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