

Rich People and New Countries

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1. New Words

Read the words, phrasal verbs, and definitions before you read the text.

- 1 **decided** – made a choice about something
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- 2 **set up** – started something, like a business
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- 3 **settled into** – became comfortable in a new place
.

- 4 **picked up** – got something new, like a passport
.

- 5 **official document** – a real and important paper from the government
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- 6 **trend** – something many people start doing
.

- 7 **looked into** – thought about and checked something carefully
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- 8 **ended up** – the final result after doing something
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- 9 **get stuck** – to have a problem you cannot easily fix
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- 10 **destination** – a place where people travel to
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2. Reading Text

Read the text. It uses the simple past tense.

Rich People and New Countries

Last year, Peter Thiel decided to move to Argentina. He didn't want to live only in America anymore. He started looking for other countries to call home.

Peter Thiel is a famous businessman from America. He set up successful companies like PayPal and Palantir. He bought a large house in one of the richest areas of Buenos Aires, and his children moved with him. They settled into their new school in Argentina quickly.

Thiel wasn't the only person who did this. Many wealthy people bought houses in different countries last year. Some of them picked up second or third passports. A passport is an official document that lets you travel and live in other countries.

This trend grew quickly among very rich people. In the past, most wealthy people stayed in their own country. But last year, many of them looked into other options and ended up choosing a "second home" in another part of the world, in case life in their own country became difficult or dangerous.

Argentina, New Zealand, Costa Rica, and Thailand turned into some of the most popular destinations for wealthy people. Thousands of rich families moved to these countries last year, and more people are expected to follow this year.

Rich people wanted to feel safe and have more freedom. They didn't want to get stuck if something went wrong in their home country. For many wealthy people, setting up a second home felt like a smart and safe decision.

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3. Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions about the text.

True or False

1. Peter Thiel moved to Argentina last year. True / False
2. Peter Thiel's children stayed in school in America. True / False
3. Only Peter Thiel bought a house in another country. True / False
4. In the past, most wealthy people stayed in their own country. True / False

Multiple Choice

1. A passport is...
 - a) a type of house
 - b) an official document
 - c) a kind of business
2. Why did rich people choose a second home?
 - a) to feel safe and have more freedom
 - b) to start a new business
 - c) to find better schools
3. Which countries became popular destinations for wealthy people?
 - a) France and Germany
 - b) Argentina, New Zealand, Costa Rica, and Thailand
 - c) Canada and Mexico
4. What happened to this trend last year?
 - a) it slowed down
 - b) it stayed the same
 - c) it grew quickly

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4. Word Match

Match the word or phrasal verb to the correct definition. Write the word in the box.

Words: trend · get stuck · decided · destination · settled into · official document · ended up · set up · picked up · looked into

1. made a choice about something	_____
2. started something, like a business	_____
3. became comfortable in a new place	_____
4. got something new, like a passport	_____
5. a real and important paper from the government	_____
6. something many people start doing	_____
7. thought about and checked something carefully	_____
8. the final result after doing something	_____
9. to have a problem you cannot easily fix	_____
10. a place where people travel to	_____

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5. Synonym Match

A synonym is a word with the same meaning. Match the word to its synonym.

Synonyms: finally became · legal paper · made a choice · place to go, location · checked, researched · got, obtained · started, began · get trapped, have a problem · got comfortable in · pattern, fashion

1. decided	_____
2. set up	_____
3. settled into	_____
4. picked up	_____
5. official document	_____
6. trend	_____
7. looked into	_____
8. ended up	_____
9. get stuck	_____
10. destination	_____

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6. Antonym Match

An antonym is a word with the opposite meaning. Match the word to its antonym.

Antonyms: starting point · ignored · rare event · stayed unsure · get free, move on easily · started as · struggled in · closed down · lost, gave up

1. decided	_____
2. set up	_____
3. settled into	_____
4. picked up	_____
5. trend	_____
6. looked into	_____
7. ended up	_____
8. get stuck	_____
9. destination	_____

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7. Grammar

Choose the correct verb in the simple past. Then find the nouns and adjectives.

Choose the correct verb (simple past)

1. Peter Thiel ___ to move to Argentina.
 - a) decide
 - b) decided
 - c) deciding
2. He ___ a large house in Buenos Aires.
 - a) buy
 - b) buys
 - c) bought
3. His children ___ into their new school quickly.
 - a) settle
 - b) settled
 - c) settling
4. Many wealthy people ___ houses in different countries last year.
 - a) buy
 - b) buying
 - c) bought
5. This trend ___ quickly among very rich people.
 - a) grow
 - b) grew
 - c) growing

Which word is a noun?

1. "He bought a large house in Buenos Aires."
 - a) bought
 - b) large
 - c) house
2. "A passport is an official document."
 - a) official

b) document

c) is

3. "Thousands of rich families moved to these countries."

a) families

b) moved

c) rich

Which word is an adjective?

1. "He bought a large house in one of the richest areas of Buenos Aires."

a) bought

b) large

c) areas

2. "Peter Thiel is a famous businessman from America."

a) famous

b) businessman

c) America

3. "He set up successful companies like PayPal and Palantir."

a) set

b) successful

c) companies

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8. Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. to / decided / Peter Thiel / Argentina / move / to

Answer: _____

2. businessman / a / is / famous / from America / He

Answer: _____

3. house / a / bought / He / large / in Buenos Aires

Answer: _____

4. quickly / school / into their new / settled / His children

Answer: _____

5. passports / picked up / Some of them / second or third

Answer: _____

6. document / is / A passport / an / official

Answer: _____

7. grew quickly / This trend / among very rich people

Answer: _____

8. destinations / turned into / Argentina and New Zealand / popular

Answer: _____

9. to feel safe / Rich people / and have more freedom / wanted

Answer: _____

10. felt like / setting up a second home / a smart and safe decision

Answer: _____

Answer Key

3. Comprehension – True or False

- ✓ 1. True
- ✓ 2. False
- ✓ 3. False
- ✓ 4. True

3. Comprehension – Multiple Choice

- ✓ 1. b) an official document
- ✓ 2. a) to feel safe and have more freedom
- ✓ 3. b) Argentina, New Zealand, Costa Rica, and Thailand
- ✓ 4. c) it grew quickly

4. Word Match

- ✓ 1. decided
- ✓ 2. set up
- ✓ 3. settled into
- ✓ 4. picked up
- ✓ 5. official document
- ✓ 6. trend
- ✓ 7. looked into
- ✓ 8. ended up
- ✓ 9. get stuck
- ✓ 10. destination

5. Synonym Match

- ✓ 1. made a choice
- ✓ 2. started, began
- ✓ 3. got comfortable in
- ✓ 4. got, obtained
- ✓ 5. legal paper
- ✓ 6. pattern, fashion
- ✓ 7. checked, researched
- ✓ 8. finally became
- ✓ 9. get trapped, have a problem
- ✓ 10. place to go, location

6. Antonym Match

- ✓ 1. stayed unsure
- ✓ 2. closed down
- ✓ 3. struggled in
- ✓ 4. lost, gave up

- ✓ 5. rare event
- ✓ 6. ignored
- ✓ 7. started as
- ✓ 8. get free, move on easily
- ✓ 9. starting point

7. Grammar – Choose the correct verb

- ✓ 1. b) decided
- ✓ 2. c) bought
- ✓ 3. b) settled
- ✓ 4. c) bought
- ✓ 5. b) grew

7. Grammar – Which word is a noun?

- ✓ 1. c) house
- ✓ 2. b) document
- ✓ 3. a) families

7. Grammar – Which word is an adjective?

- ✓ 1. b) large
- ✓ 2. a) famous
- ✓ 3. b) successful

8. Word Order

- ✓ 1. Peter Thiel decided to move to Argentina.
- ✓ 2. He is a famous businessman from America.
- ✓ 3. He bought a large house in Buenos Aires.
- ✓ 4. His children settled into their new school quickly.
- ✓ 5. Some of them picked up second or third passports.
- ✓ 6. A passport is an official document.
- ✓ 7. This trend grew quickly among very rich people.
- ✓ 8. Argentina and New Zealand turned into popular destinations.
- ✓ 9. Rich people wanted to feel safe and have more freedom.
- ✓ 10. Setting up a second home felt like a smart and safe decision.