

# Rich People and New Countries

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## 1. New Words

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

- 1 **throw oneself into** – to start doing something with a lot of energy and effort  
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- 2 **diversify** – to make something more varied, often to reduce risk  
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- 3 **capitalise on** – to use a situation to your advantage  
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- 4 **lure in** – to attract someone, often with something appealing  
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- 5 **roll out** – to introduce something new, like a plan or policy  
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- 6 **rule out** – to decide that something is not possible or not an option  
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- 7 **flare up** – to suddenly become worse or more intense  
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- 8 **bail out** – to leave a difficult situation, often suddenly  
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- 9 **pay off** – to have a good result after a decision or effort  
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- 10 **elite** – a small group of people who have the most money, power, or status  
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## 2. Reading Text

Read the text. It uses first, second, and third conditionals.

### Rich People and New Countries

If wealthy people feel that their home country is becoming unstable, many of them will look into relocating elsewhere. This is exactly what has been happening among some of the world's richest individuals in recent years.

Peter Thiel has increasingly thrown himself into life in Argentina. If he hadn't bought a home in one of Buenos Aires' wealthiest neighbourhoods, he would still be splitting his time between the US and other locations. Instead, he has settled in and enrolled his children in local schools.

Wealth advisors say that if a person has the means to do so, they should diversify where they live, just as they would diversify a financial portfolio. If more rich people hadn't started doing this years ago, the trend probably wouldn't have caught on so quickly among today's elite.

Some countries have moved to capitalise on this shift. If New Zealand had not relaxed its golden visa requirements, applications from wealthy Americans would not have increased so sharply. Costa Rica and Thailand have likewise stepped up efforts to lure in wealthy newcomers, rolling out incentives that previous governments had ruled out.

If this trend continues unchecked, more countries will likely follow suit. If political or economic instability flares up in someone's home country, they may decide to bail out and call their second home permanently. Whether or not their decision pays off, this growing pattern shows just how far the world's wealthiest people will go to safeguard their lifestyles.

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### 3. Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions about the text.

#### True or False

1. Peter Thiel has enrolled his children in local schools in Argentina. True / False
2. Wealth advisors recommend keeping all your money and life in one country. True / False
3. New Zealand relaxed its golden visa requirements. True / False
4. The text suggests this trend will likely stop soon. True / False

#### Multiple Choice

1. According to wealth advisors, rich people should...
  - a) keep all their money in one bank
  - b) diversify where they live, like a financial portfolio
  - c) avoid buying property abroad
2. Which countries have tried to attract wealthy newcomers?
  - a) France and Germany
  - b) Canada and Mexico
  - c) Costa Rica and Thailand
3. Why might someone "bail out" of their home country?
  - a) political or economic instability
  - b) better weather
  - c) cheaper transport
4. What does the text suggest will happen if this trend continues?
  - a) fewer countries will offer visas
  - b) more countries will likely follow suit
  - c) wealthy people will stop moving

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## 4. Word Match

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

**Words:** throw oneself into · diversify · capitalise on · lure in · roll out · rule out · flare up · bail out · pay off · elite

1. to start doing something with a lot of energy and effort	_____
2. to make something more varied, often to reduce risk	_____
3. to use a situation to your advantage	_____
4. to attract someone, often with something appealing	_____
5. to introduce something new, like a plan or policy	_____
6. to decide that something is not possible or not an option	_____
7. to suddenly become worse or more intense	_____
8. to leave a difficult situation, often suddenly	_____
9. to have a good result after a decision or effort	_____
10. a small group of people who have the most money, power, or status	_____

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## 5. Synonym Match

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

**Synonyms:** commit fully to · spread out, vary · take advantage of · attract, tempt · launch, introduce · exclude, dismiss · suddenly worsen · escape, get out · succeed, work out well · the privileged few

1. <b>throw oneself into</b>	_____
2. <b>diversify</b>	_____
3. <b>capitalise on</b>	_____
4. <b>lure in</b>	_____
5. <b>roll out</b>	_____
6. <b>rule out</b>	_____
7. <b>flare up</b>	_____
8. <b>bail out</b>	_____
9. <b>pay off</b>	_____
10. <b>elite</b>	_____

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## 6. Antonym Match

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

**Antonyms:** concentrate, narrow down · repel, drive away · withdraw, cancel · allow, consider · calm down, settle · stay, commit · fail, backfire · ordinary people, masses

1. <b>diversify</b>	_____
2. <b>lure in</b>	_____
3. <b>roll out</b>	_____
4. <b>rule out</b>	_____
5. <b>flare up</b>	_____
6. <b>bail out</b>	_____
7. <b>pay off</b>	_____
8. <b>elite</b>	_____

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## 7. Grammar

Choose the correct conditional form. Then find the nouns and adjectives.

### First Conditional

1. If wealthy people feel their country is unstable, many of them \_\_\_ relocate.
  - a) would
  - b) will
  - c) had
2. If this trend continues unchecked, more countries \_\_\_ follow suit.
  - a) will likely
  - b) would have
  - c) had likely

### Second Conditional

1. If a person \_\_\_ the means to do so, they should diversify where they live.
  - a) will have
  - b) had had
  - c) has
2. If political instability \_\_\_ in someone's home country, they may decide to bail out.
  - a) flares up
  - b) had flared up
  - c) would flare up

### Third Conditional

1. If New Zealand \_\_\_ relaxed its golden visa requirements, applications would not have increased so sharply.
  - a) didn't
  - b) had not
  - c) wouldn't
2. If more rich people \_\_\_ doing this years ago, the trend probably wouldn't have caught on so quickly.
  - a) hadn't started
  - b) didn't start
  - c) wouldn't start

### Which word is a noun?

1. "Peter Thiel has increasingly thrown himself into life in Argentina."
  - a) increasingly
  - b) thrown
  - c) life
2. "Wealth advisors say that if a person has the means to do so, they should diversify."
  - a) diversify
  - b) means
  - c) should
3. "This growing pattern shows just how far the world's wealthiest people will go."
  - a) pattern
  - b) growing
  - c) far

### Which word is an adjective?

1. "He has settled in and enrolled his children in local schools."
  - a) local
  - b) enrolled
  - c) children
2. "Some countries have moved to capitalise on this shift."
  - a) moved
  - b) this
  - c) shift
3. "Costa Rica and Thailand have likewise stepped up efforts to lure in wealthy newcomers."
  - a) wealthy
  - b) stepped
  - c) efforts

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## 8. Word Order

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

1. will look into relocating elsewhere / Many wealthy people

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. enrolled his children in local schools / and / He has settled in

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. should diversify where they live / Wealth advisors say that rich people

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. have moved to capitalise on this shift / Some countries

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. have stepped up efforts to lure in wealthy newcomers / Costa Rica and Thailand

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. have increased sharply / Applications from wealthy Americans

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. will likely follow suit / More countries

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. of their home country / They may decide to bail out

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. shows how far rich people will go / This growing pattern

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

10. wouldn't have caught on so quickly / The trend probably

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer Key

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## 3. Comprehension – True or False

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

## 3. Comprehension – Multiple Choice

- ✓ 1. b) diversify where they live, like a financial portfolio
- ✓ 2. c) Costa Rica and Thailand
- ✓ 3. a) political or economic instability
- ✓ 4. b) more countries will likely follow suit

## 4. Word Match

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#### 7. Grammar – First Conditional

- ✓ 1. b) will
- ✓ 2. a) will likely

#### 7. Grammar – Second Conditional

- ✓ 1. c) has
- ✓ 2. a) flares up

#### 7. Grammar – Third Conditional

- ✓ 1. b) had not
- ✓ 2. a) hadn't started

#### 7. Grammar – Which word is a noun?

- ✓ 1. c) life
- ✓ 2. b) means
- ✓ 3. a) pattern

#### 7. Grammar – Which word is an adjective?

- ✓ 1. a) local
- ✓ 2. b) this
- ✓ 3. a) wealthy

#### 8. Word Order

- ✓ 1. Many wealthy people will look into relocating elsewhere.
- ✓ 2. He has settled in and enrolled his children in local schools.
- ✓ 3. Wealth advisors say that rich people should diversify where they live.
- ✓ 4. Some countries have moved to capitalise on this shift.
- ✓ 5. Costa Rica and Thailand have stepped up efforts to lure in wealthy newcomers.
- ✓ 6. Applications from wealthy Americans have increased sharply.
- ✓ 7. More countries will likely follow suit.
- ✓ 8. They may decide to bail out of their home country.
- ✓ 9. This growing pattern shows how far rich people will go.
- ✓ 10. The trend probably wouldn't have caught on so quickly.