

*NB: This is not a word-for-word transcript*

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### Transcript

A city of three million people, with only **a handful of** street names.

**No wonder** trying to deliver a letter here is like looking for **a needle in a haystack**.

But this is changing, as the city of Cotonou, in Benin, is starting to name its streets and paint numbers on each house.

**Residents** hope this will help the city become better connected to the world and provide a **boost** for local businesses.

### Vocabulary

**a handful of**

a small number of

**no wonder**

it's no surprise that

**a needle in a haystack**

something very hard to find

**residents**

people who live in a particular place

**boost**

an action that makes something better, happier or more successful

**Watch the video online: The city with no street names** <http://tinyurl.com/odn2fts>

## Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports. Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

**a handful of / no wonder / a needle in a haystack / residents / boost**

1. Sussex expect to announce they made a profit during the last financial year.

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2. There have been only \_\_\_\_\_ cases in humans since the infection was first described in 1954 by a researcher called Stefanski.

3. Mr Cameron said a migrant in work with two children was getting £700 a month on average in support from the state, twice the amount paid in Germany and three times as much as in France.

"\_\_\_\_\_ so many people want to come to Britain," he said, adding that changes to in-work benefits could affect about 400,000 people.

4. With £524 billion worth of goods coming through UK ports each year in millions of containers, [finding illegal goods] can be like looking for \_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ of a 3,300-home development in Oxfordshire claim they have been "cut off" after promised community facilities did not materialise.

## Answers

1. Sussex expect to announce they made a profit during the last financial year.

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**Source:** Sussex expect to announce operating profit for financial year

<http://tinyurl.com/l7vtczg>

2. There have been only **a handful of** cases in humans since the infection was first described in 1954 by a researcher called Stefanski.

**Source:** Kidney deaths inquest: Patients told donor had meningitis

<http://tinyurl.com/lwb6g3d>

3. Mr Cameron said a migrant in work with two children was getting £700 a month on average in support from the state, twice the amount paid in Germany and three times as much as in France.

"**No wonder** so many people want to come to Britain," he said, adding that changes to in-work benefits could affect about 400,000 people.

**Source:** David Cameron urges EU support for migration plans

<http://tinyurl.com/omfyo88>

4. With £524 billion worth of goods coming through UK ports each year in millions of containers, [finding illegal goods] can be like looking for **a needle in a haystack**.

**Source:** Channel Patrol

<http://tinyurl.com/nw5qo2m>

5. **Residents** of a 3,300-home development in Oxfordshire claim they have been "cut off" after promised community facilities did not materialise.

**Source:** Great Western Park residents angry over lack of facilities

<http://tinyurl.com/pxjwmkg>