

 **Listen to the news report explaining the problem of "okupas" in Spain. Answer the questions below.**



Who are "okupas"?	
What factors have contributed to the rise of okupas in Spain?	
How do okupas justify their actions, and what are the counterarguments from property owners and local communities?	
Which areas in Spain are particularly affected by the problem of okupas, and why?	
What legal challenges do property owners face when dealing with okupas?	
What proposals has the Spanish government made to address the issue of okupas, and why are these proposals contentious?	

 Read the text below. Then match the words in bold with their definitions.

When Maria Fernández and her family returned from their vacation, they were shocked to find **squatters** occupying their home. The illegal **occupation** was a nightmare that led them into a complex web of **eviction** processes and **property rights** issues.

Maria described the experience: *"We found strangers in our house, claiming they had nowhere else to go. As homeowners, we immediately sought help to reclaim our property, but the **legal proceedings** were slow and frustrating."*

The **recession** had left many people in dire financial straits, contributing to **homelessness** and the rise of squatters. However, for Maria, the situation felt unfair. *"We are not against helping those in need,"* she said, *"but our rights as **tenants** were completely disregarded."*

Maria's neighbourhood had recently undergone **gentrification**, raising property values and rental prices, which further complicated the housing crisis. Many argued that better **social housing** solutions were needed to address the root causes of homelessness and illegal occupations.

While Maria finally managed to reclaim her home, the ordeal highlighted the urgent need for a balanced approach to property rights and social justice. *"We need more effective laws to protect homeowners,"* Maria insisted, *"but also more support for those displaced by the economic downturn and gentrification."*

Pick an option : A person who unlawfully occupies an uninhabited building or unused land.

Pick an option : The act of taking possession or control of a place, especially in an illegal or forceful way.

Pick an option : A person who rents and lives in a property owned by someone else.

Pick an option : The legal process of removing a tenant or squatter from a property.

Pick an option : Legal rights to possess, use, and dispose of land or buildings.

Pick an option : The formal steps taken in a court of law to settle a legal matter, such as an eviction.

Pick an option : Affordable housing provided by the government or non-profit organizations for people with low incomes.

Pick an option : The state of having no home or permanent place of residence.

Pick an option : A period of economic decline characterized by reduced trade and industrial activity, leading to lower incomes and higher unemployment.

Pick an option : The process by which a deteriorating neighbourhood undergoes renovation and improvement, often leading to the displacement of lower-income residents due to increased property values and living costs.

● Listen to the recording below and explain why the following things were mentioned there.

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