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TOPIC: HOUSING

You read this information in an article from an online blog:

Renting A Home vs. Buying

When it comes to buying vs. renting a house, there is always a passionate debate about which makes the most financial sense. At first glance, a mortgage payment might be less than your current monthly rent, but that mortgage is just the tip of the iceberg. For many people, the associated costs of homeownership might run as high as 50% of their mortgage payment. Renting might cost less, even over the long term. Once you've evaluated the finances and the non-financial factors (e.g. social, professional), you'll be on your way to making an informed decision that fits your needs.

Adapted from: <https://www.forbes.com>

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You will need approximately 20 minutes to complete this task.

A friend of yours is considering buying a house and you think this information may interest them.

You must write about the following points:

- Explain, in your own words, the information you have read.
- Summarise the main ideas shown in the article

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You will need approximately 45 minutes to complete this task.

You decide to contribute your **opinion** to the blog by writing an **essay** about the topic. **You must include the following points:**

- **Argue** for or against renting.
- **Comment** on the situation in your country.

Write between 150 – 180 words.

- You must write about the two points.
- You must respect the word limit.

