

Hi, my name is Billy, and I am \_\_\_\_\_ (current / currently) living in South Africa, and today I will be \_\_\_\_\_ (talking / talk) about what are my thoughts about \_\_\_\_\_ (gentrification / gentrify).

So, basically the definition of gentrification is \_\_\_\_\_ (what / when) a maybe rundown area or well-known \_\_\_\_\_ (poorly / poor) area suddenly becomes more modern or \_\_\_\_\_ (filled / full) with rich people, because now the rich people are \_\_\_\_\_ (moving / moved) into that area, maybe to invest or to build bigger houses and \_\_\_\_\_ (such / much). So, what ends up happening most of the time is that poor people \_\_\_\_\_ (when / who) have been in that area \_\_\_\_\_ (usually / usual) have to be \_\_\_\_\_ (displace / displaced) or they have to move.

Now, my \_\_\_\_\_ (thoughts / thought) about this is that it comes with its pros and its cons, for example, the reputation of \_\_\_\_\_ (a / an) area. If the area is known to be more of a \_\_\_\_\_ (poorly / poorer) area and maybe the government wants to \_\_\_\_\_ (remove / removal) that or to change that reputation, I think that would be a good \_\_\_\_\_ (planner / plan).

However, the \_\_\_\_\_ (con / can) to this is that it would be really \_\_\_\_\_ (said / sad) that families who have \_\_\_\_\_ (living / lived) here for, in that area, sorry, for many, many years, and now they're \_\_\_\_\_ (suddenly / sudden) asked to move because the prices of rent or just living \_\_\_\_\_ (in / on) that area has increased now that there is growth, sudden growth and \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting / interest) in the area. I think if you are thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ (moving / movement) to a certain area, you should be \_\_\_\_\_ (considerable / considerate) of the people who have lived there, and who have \_\_\_\_\_ (started / starting) calling that place \_\_\_\_\_ (home / house). So, although it \_\_\_\_\_ (beneficial / benefits) the economy and it benefits the housing \_\_\_\_\_ (industry / industrial), it doesn't always benefit the \_\_\_\_\_ (citizen / citizens).