

09年春季高级口译阅读训练(20) 《英国住宅：1924年来最低水平》口译笔译考试 PDF转换可能丢失图片或格式，建议阅读原文

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Humber, strategic policy adviser to the House Builders Association, said earlier this year that 250,000 people whose jobs are linked to the building industry could be put out of work if the housing downturn persists. "Many more thousands of self-employed tradesmen and sub-contractors, building materials producers, manufacturers of white goods, carpets, curtains, DIY, estate agents and solicitors would be affected. If this continues to unwind, ultimately there's no reason why it couldn't affect a quarter of a million jobs," he said. In 1924 ... The last time housing starts fell this low, Britain's economy was reeling from the cost of the first world war and about to face a decade of global economic turmoil. Labour prime minister Ramsay MacDonald was in power until November when he was succeeded by Conservative Stanley Baldwin. Winston Churchill became chancellor and the next year oversaw Britain's formal return to the Gold Standard, which led to mass unemployment and the miners strike. The late 20s and 30s was a period of intensive house-building. In 1919, there were 8m homes, but by 1939 there were 12m. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)