

# Student lives in shopping mall for six months

## Vocabulary Match

undetected ●    emerged ●    claim ●    particularly ●    challenging ●    resided ●  
● say    ● came out    ● difficult    ● hidden    ● lived    ● especially

## Article

A young man in China was arrested for secretly living under a staircase in a Shanghai mall for six months. He created a living space with a bed, table, computer, and chair, remaining undetected for a long time. He occasionally emerged to charge his electronic devices.

The man was spotted by a security guard months earlier but was allowed to stay because he claimed he needed a quiet place to study for tough university exams. However, even after the exams in June, he didn't leave and was arrested on October 30, 2023.

Social media users have been discussing this incident. Some find it clever that he avoided the high rent in Shanghai, particularly challenging for young people without a university degree.

Interestingly, this isn't the first instance of someone living in a mall. In the U.S., an artist named Michael Townsend resided in a mall for four years until his arrest.

## Quiz

1. Where was the young man living secretly for six months?
2. Why was he allowed to stay in the mall?
3. What was the reaction of social media users to this incident?
4. Who else is known to have lived in a mall?

## Conversation

A: I can't believe you let him stay here!  
B: Sorry, boss. He said he needed a quiet place to study.  
A: But the exams finished months ago!  
B: I know, I didn't think he'd stay this long.  
A: You gave him an inch and he took a mile.  
B: I'm sorry. It won't happen again.

## Discussion

1. Have you ever had to find a quiet place to study for exams?
2. Would you ever consider living in a mall?
3. What would you take with you if you had to live in a mall?