



Homelessness



Shanty towns



Neighbourhood

Have you ever seen someone sleeping in a shop doorway, in a train station or on a park bench? Why do you think these people don't have a home?



To have money

To lose homes

To run away from home

To pay the rent

A natural disaster

Read the title of the text and the introduction. What do you think Jasmine's life is like? Discuss in pairs. Listen and check.

## Life on the streets

Every single night of the year, 200 people sleep rough on doorways on the streets of London. Jasmine, twenty-two, is one of them. At first, she was reluctant to open up, but then she told her story ...

She must feel cold and uncomfortable. It also embarrassing to have to ask passers-by for money.

She must be feeling really depressed.

It must be awful to live like that.



заброшенный

приверженец

задышаться

номер с завтраком  
(bed&breakfast)

сводить концы с  
концами

роскошный

быстрорастущий  
город

хорошо освещенный

вынужденный

умолять

берущий начало от

нанимать на  
работу

едва

скудный

придерживаться  
чего-либо

приют

вырываться

обветшалый

бросать

рассказывать о  
своих чувствах

всемирный

беспл. столовая  
д/бедных

вышедший из  
употребления

склад

случайный

порочный круг

тесный

Read the title of the text and the introduction. What do you think  
ten and check.



# ts

Text 1

Text 2

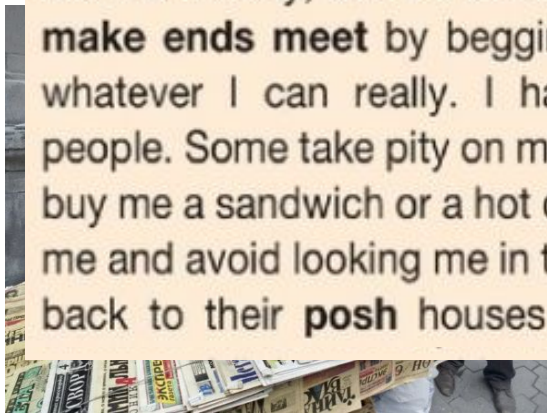
Text 3

Basically, you lose your identity, your **dignity**, everything, on the streets. It's so boring not having a job, having nothing to do during the day, until one of the soup kitchens opens in the evening. It destroys your soul.

I don't know what the future holds. Homelessness is a **vicious circle** that is very difficult to break out of. It's very hard to get work, because no one takes you seriously, and then you lose your confidence and your **self-esteem** and it becomes even harder. I'm on a council waiting list for a flat though. I want nothing more than to have a place of my own one day. A place that I can call home."

So now do I survive? Well, the government gives people like me money, but it's barely enough to eat. I just about **make ends meet** by begging, selling *The Big Issue*\* ... whatever I can really. I hate asking for money from people. Some take pity on me and **toss** me a few coins or buy me a sandwich or a hot drink. But most just rush past me and avoid looking me in the eye. They just want to get back to their **posh** houses in the suburbs, you know.

10 people  
grubby  
sh cities.  
At first,  
rs-by for  
then she



Basically, you lose your identity, your **dignity**, everything, on the streets. It's so boring not having a job, having nothing to do during the day, until one of the soup kitchens opens in the evening. It destroys your soul.

I don't know what the future holds. Homelessness is a **vicious circle** that is very difficult to break out of. It's very hard to get work, because no one takes you seriously, and then you lose your confidence and your **self-esteem** and it becomes even harder. I'm on a council waiting list for a flat though. I want nothing more than to have a place of my own one day. A place that I can call home."

So how do I survive? Well, the government gives people like me money, but it's barely enough to eat. I just about **make ends meet** by begging, selling *The Big Issue*\* ... whatever I can really. I hate asking for money from people. Some take pity on me and **toss** me a few coins or buy me a sandwich or a hot drink. But most just rush past me and avoid looking me in the eye. They just want to get back to their **posh** houses in the suburbs, you know.

5 can be colder than the streets.

4 are used by others during the day.

answer to answer the questions.

at in the street, the majority of people  
give her a little money.

ignore her.

tell her to get a job.

take her to a soup kitchen.

Jasmine thinks the worst thing about being  
homeless is

having nothing to do.

the noise from the traffic.

asking for money from strangers.

the cold weather.

more than anything, Jasmine wants

a job.

3 her self-confidence back.

her own home.

4 to be taken seriously.

Text 1

Text 2

Text 3

# Match the words to their definitions.

foster



cramped



drug addict



shivering with cold



choke



filthy



toss



make ends meet



couches



vicious circle



posh



odd night



dignity



self-esteem



A person's sense of importance and value

# Industrial, capital, boom, cosmopolitan, overcrowded, historic, market, shanty, new.

- 1 Manchester is a(n) ..... city because there are many factories and warehouses there.
- 2 York is a(n) ..... city because it dates from 71 AD.
- 3 Newcastle was a(n) ..... town in the 19<sup>th</sup> century because of the mining industry.
- 4 Milton Keynes is a(n) ..... town that was established in 1967.
- 5 Edinburgh is the ..... city of Scotland.
- 6 London is a very ..... city with people from lots of different cultures living there.
- 7 Dublin is a rather ..... city and housing is scarce.
- 8 Preston is a famous ..... town in the north of England with indoor and outdoor markets open six days a week.
- 9 Fortunately, there are no ..... towns in Britain.

industrial

historic



shanty



Make similar sentences for towns/cities in your country.

St. Petersburg is a historic city with lots of interesting monuments.

Moscow is the capital city of Russia.

Industrial, capital, cosmopolitan, overcrowded, historic, market, boom, shanty, new.

Vladivostok is an industrial city with a large port.

Moscow has become very cosmopolitan with lots of new immigrants.



Check these phrases in the Word List. Use the phrases to complete the sentences.

residential

9 I live in a quiet ..... area in the suburbs of a big city.

pedestrianised

10 The shops in my town are located in a ..... area where cars aren't allowed.

rough

11 There is often a lot of crime and poverty in a ..... neighbourhood, in a town or city.

living there.

disused

6 In ..... part of the city there are a lot of ..... warehouses because businesses have

squat

7 A ..... is a house where people live illegally.

office

8 In the business district there are a lot of huge ..... buildings.

приют, ночлежка

офис

вышедший из употребления

полностью обставленный  
мебелью

пришедший в негодность

хорошо освещенный

роскошный

опасный

жилой

закрытый для автомобильного  
движения

зброшенный

Which adjectives best describe Jasmine's feelings? Give reasons.



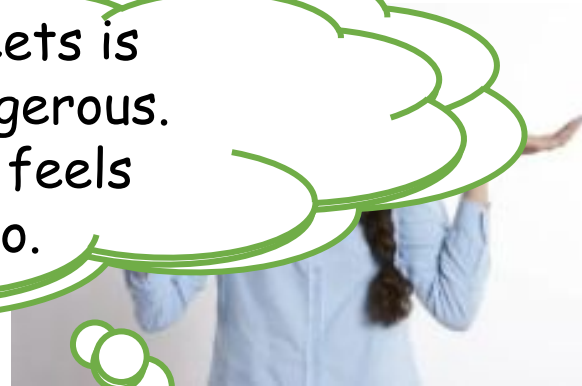
proud



lonely



abandoned



confused



excited



anxious



delighted

Life on the streets is difficult and dangerous. Maybe she also feels confused too.



I hope and pray that one day soon I'll get a council flat and will finally have my own place to call home.

Is there any way out?



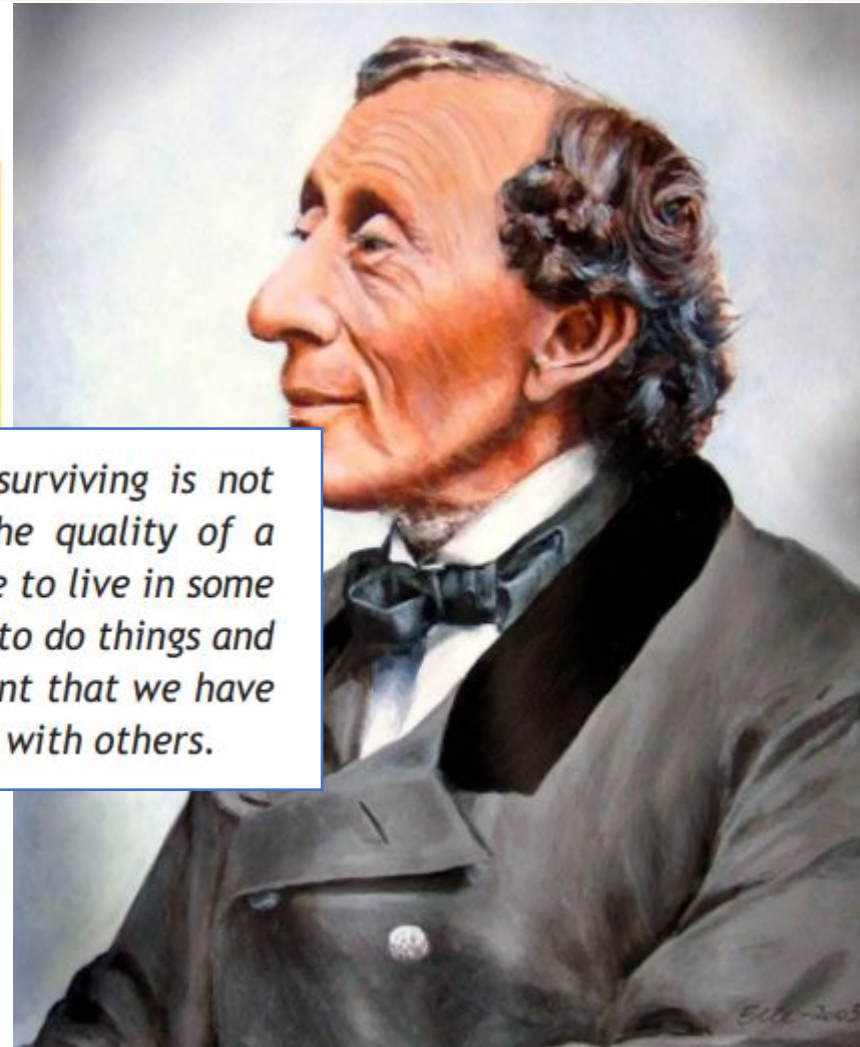
Do you agree with the statement below? Why?/Why not?

## Words of Wisdom

Just living is not enough. One must have  
sunshine, freedom and a little flower.

*Hans Christian Andersen (Danish author)*

*I agree with the quote that surviving is not enough and it is important the quality of a person's life. We should be able to live in some comfort and have the freedom to do things and make choices. It's also important that we have contact and make relationships with others.*



Match the words. Then, use the phrases to complete the sentences below.

- |   |   |          |
|---|---|----------|
| 1 | c | sleeping |
| 2 | f | fixed    |
| 3 | a | foster   |
| 4 | b | running  |
| 5 | d | soup     |
| 6 | e | waiting  |

- |   |         |
|---|---------|
| a | home    |
| b | water   |
| c | bags    |
| d | kitchen |
| e | list    |
| f | address |

- 1 After her parents were killed in a car accident, Annie was placed in a ... foster home ..
- 2 The young mother put her name on a .....  
..... waiting list ..... for affordable housing.
- 3 While away at school, Brian's mail was sent to his ..... fixed address ..... in London.
- 4 The twins brought along their .....  
.. sleeping bags ..... on the camping trip.
- 5 There was no ..... running water ..... in the building after a pipe burst in the basement.
- 6 The homeless man went to a nearby .....  
..... soup kitchen ..... for a hot meal.

## Do you agree with the statement below? Why?/Why not?

- 1 Stonehenge is a well-known residential/historic site in Salisbury, England.
- 2 Cosmopolitan/Industrial cities offer many cultural events for tourists in the summer.
- 3 These flats have been overcrowded/abandoned since the tragic fire.
- 4 Brian felt safe jogging along the well-lit/rough path after dark.
- 5 There are many statues and large gardens outside the posh/run-down houses of Beverly Hills.
- 6 Canberra is the inner/capital city of Australia.
- 7 Before entering the city, we passed a shanty/new town where many poor families lived in rough huts.

Fill in: make ends meet, boom, squat, office, pedestrianized, self-esteem, cramped, market.

- 1 They live in a . **squat** .. without electricity or running water.
- 2 Children can play safely in **pedestrianised** ,as since there is no need for parents to worry about passing vehicles.
- 3 Sally has to work two jobs just to . **make ends meet** .....
- 4 Losing your job can have a very bad effect on your ... **self-esteem**
- 5 In the past, farmers used to travel to **market** .... towns to sell their vegetables.
- 6 The ... **office** .... building he works in was once an old warehouse.
- 7 It became a .. **boom** .... town when oil was discovered in the cornfields nearby.
- 8 They are living in very ... **cramped** ..... conditions. They need to find a bigger house.



## Complete the sentences with the adjectives from the list.

- proud
- lonely
- confused
- excited
- anxious
- delighted

- 1 The villagers were ..... excited ..... about hosting the folk music festival.
- 2 Many parents become ..... anxious ..... when their children are late coming home from school.
- 3 Cathy felt ..... proud ..... to be nominated for such an important award.
- 4 Janet was ..... delighted ..... when her boss told her she was getting a raise.
- 5 She was ..... confused ..... by his strange remarks and odd behaviour.
- 6 Jill loves living abroad, but sometimes she misses her family and friends and feels ..... lonely .....