

How to Use This Activity

On-screen: Follow the directions provided at the top of the activity. When you're finished, check your answers using the **"Score"** button and print your work using the **"Print"** button.

E-mail: When you finish this activity, you can send your answers to your teacher. Enter your teacher's e-mail address on the line at the top of the page and click **"E-mail"** to send. If you use a Web-based program like Gmail or Yahoo, save the document to the desktop using **"Save As"** and e-mail it as an attachment.

[Click here to begin >](#)

Need help with your interactive pdf?
[Click here](#) to visit our FAQ page.

[PRINT THIS PAGE](#)

NONFICTION: "I Was Homeless" • SKILL: Test Prep

"I Was Homeless" Quiz

Directions: Read "I Was Homeless." in the November 2013 issue or [click here](#) to view the article as a PDF. Then click the bubble next to the BEST answer for each question below.

1. According to the article, what is the primary cause of homelessness today?

- (A) lack of privacy
- (B) unemployment
- (C) lack of affordable housing
- (D) hospital bills

2. The author includes the section "Homelessness in America" mainly to

- (A) reveal how many homeless people there are.
- (B) tell you about one homeless family's ordeal.
- (C) explain different causes of homelessness.
- (D) explain how to get help if you are homeless.

3. In the sentence "The idea of taking their landlord to court seemed daunting and expensive," the word *daunting* most closely means

- (A) frantic. (C) elaborate.
- (B) frightening. (D) shocking.

4. Which sentence best supports the idea that Kevin is grateful to the Coalition for the Homeless?

- (A) "Just before Kevin started high school, he finally got the news he'd been so desperately waiting for."
- (B) "Thanks to the Coalition, Kevin's grades began to improve."
- (C) "He spends his free time volunteering at the after-school program that helped him so much when he was in middle school."
- (D) "Across the U.S., many communities do reach out to help their most needy."

5. According to the article, why do many people have a hard time getting out of homelessness?

- (A) They don't make enough money to save up what they would need to rent or buy a home.
- (B) Landlords discriminate against them.
- (C) Some sort of crisis occurs in their lives.
- (D) They are afraid to leave the shelter.

6. For Kevin, which of the following was an effect of living in the homeless shelter?

- (A) He couldn't go to school.
- (B) His family couldn't earn enough money.
- (C) His grades went down.
- (D) He got food poisoning.

7. The phrase "safety net" in the essay on page 6 is a

- (A) simile comparing people living in poverty to acrobats who fall.
- (B) metaphor comparing programs that help the poor to nets that catch acrobats who fall.
- (C) hyperbole that exaggerates how much America helps its most needy.
- (D) direct quote from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

8. According to "Homelessness in America: A Snapshot," which of the following is true?

- (A) There are not enough shelters in the U.S.
- (B) Homelessness is on the rise because more people are getting ill.
- (C) The homeless rate in Washington, D.C., is more than six times the national average.
- (D) Some people spend years living on the streets.

Directions: Type your answers into the text box below each question. Use complete sentences.

9. How does the author show how difficult life in a homeless shelter can be? Use details from the article in your answer.

10. On page 6 is a quote by Mahatma Gandhi: "The measure of a civilization is how it treats its weakest members." Explain what you think this quote means.

SAVE AS

START OVER

SCORE

PRINT