



Topic

Conversation
for Advanced

Lesson 8
Homelessness

Estimated number of homeless people, 2019 or latest year available.

Country	Year	No. of homeless	Homeless as % of total population
United States	2018	552,830	0.17%
Germany	2018	337,000	0.41%
Canada	2016	129,127	0.36%
Australia	2016	116,427	0.48%
Brazil	2015	101,854	0.05%

What does the table show?

Target Language

Introduce the learning goals to the student.

In this lesson, we will talk about
homelessness:

- read a passage about homelessness;
- learn words and expressions about homelessness;
- share some thoughts about homelessness
in a certain country.

Key words:

1. homeless
2. shelter
3. outside forces
4. calamity
5. threaten
6. security

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

“I’ll go home...”, can the **homeless** utter these words? The answer could possibly be both “yes” and “no”. It could be a “no” because perhaps, their concept of home is a house or a **shelter**; the building itself. Well, that is quite right. How can a homeless go home if he/she lives on the streets or under bridges? On the other hand, it could be a big fat “yes” because perhaps, the homeless consider the streets and bridges their home.



Comprehension Check:

1. What’s the difference between a house and a home?

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Even so, the homeless generally refer to people who live on the streets or under the bridges. Our homes protect us from the dangers of **outside forces** such as **calamities**, dangerous animals, or even from our own kind. But have you ever wondered, what protects the homeless? Where do they go in times of calamities? What do they do when something or someone **threatens** their **security**?



Comprehension Check:

- 2. According to the passage, what are the outside forces that our homes or houses protect us from?*
- 3. Where do most of the homeless take shelter in your community?*

Respond to Reading

Complete the task.

☐ Choose the letter of the best answer.

1. According to the passage, what could be a homeless' concept of home?
a. a family b. a house or a shelter c. a companion
2. What is the general description of a homeless person?
a. someone who begs on the street
b. someone who lives on the street
c. someone who walks around the streets
3. What outside force can threaten a homeless person's security?
a. calamities b. dangerous animals c. both a & b

Homelessness

❑ What are the causes of homelessness in your country?

Causes

- _____
- _____

❑ How can this social problem be addressed?

Mention three recommendations to help homeless people.

Solutions

- _____
- _____
- _____



Summary

Make a summary of the topic you have learned today.

Homelessness generally describes people who find shelter on the streets or under the bridges. Our homes protect us from the dangers of the outside forces such as calamities, dangerous animals, or even from our own kind. This makes us wonder what protects the homeless and where they go to keep themselves safe when something threatens their security.

Make a summary about homelessness.

You may use some of the vocabulary, you have learned today.

1. homeless
2. shelter
3. outside forces
4. calamity
5. threaten
6. security

Your opinion...

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