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## Quotes

Below are a number of quotes relating to homelessness. There are some words missing from these quotes. Try and fill in the gaps. Write in pencil in case you are incorrect so you can change it later:

1. Being homeless is like living in a post-apocalyptic world. You're on the \_\_\_\_\_ of society. FRANK DILLANE
2. I consider the homeless just as \_\_\_\_\_ as the richest of the rich. LAUREN DAIGLE
3. We just can't stop people from being homeless if that's their \_\_\_\_\_. TONY ABBOTT
4. You can spend the money on new \_\_\_\_\_ for poor people and the homeless, or you can spend it on a football stadium or a golf course. JELLO BIAFRA
5. The average family earning minimum wage spends \_\_\_\_\_ percent of their income struggling to meet basic needs - food, shelter, clothing. SHERROD BROWN

### QUESTIONS

1. What do you think is incorrect about the statement in Quote 3?
2. What does Quote 4 reveal about the priorities that governments have?
3. What does Quote 5 reveal about the minimum wage? Why is this an issue?
4. What values is Lauren Daigle showing in Quote 2?
5. In Quote 1, what does post-apocalyptic mean? Why do you think experiencing homelessness might be like living in a post-apocalyptic world?

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Discuss the process used for deciding on words. Explain that the process is the same as readers use when they come to unfamiliar words. Strategies such as: reading on, rereading, using context clues, guessing, predicting are all effective means of understanding and building vocabulary skills and comprehension.

Go around the class and ask a range of students for their responses to each quote. If someone gets it correct, great! However, it is quite difficult, and the main purpose is to see what kind of words students thought could fit, as well as to reflect on the meaning of the quote afterwards.

1. Being homeless is like living in a post-apocalyptic world. You're on the **OUTSKIRTS** of society. **FRANK DILLANE**
2. I consider the homeless just as **IMPORTANT** as the richest of the rich.  
**LAUREN DAIGLE**
3. We just can't stop people from being homeless if that's their **CHOICE**.  
**TONY ABBOTT**
4. You can spend the money on new **HOUSING** for poor people and the homeless, or you can spend it on a football stadium or a golf course. **JELLO BIAFRA**
5. The average family earning minimum wage spends **141** percent of their income struggling to meet basic needs - food, shelter, clothing. **SHERROD BROWN**

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## QUESTIONS

### 1. What do you think is incorrect about the statement in Quote 3?

It is very rare that homelessness is a choice. People experience homelessness for a number of reasons outside of their own control. Reasons for becoming homeless may include losing your job, domestic/family violence, natural disasters and many more.

### 2. What does Quote 4 reveal about the priorities that governments have?

This quote shows that governments are often willing to spend extra money to upgrade sporting facilities and other non-essential expenses. However, they are often unwilling to provide the level of funding needed to solve the homelessness crisis.

### 3. What does Quote 5 reveal about the minimum wage? Why is this an issue?

This quote reveals that the minimum wage is not adequate to meet the basic needs of a family. This is an issue because even people who are employed on a full time basis may be unable to provide for their family. Homelessness can occur as a result of this.

### 4. What values is Lauren Daigle showing in Quote 2?

Lauren Daigle is showing the values of compassion, respect and empathy (answers may vary). She is also demonstrating her perspective that everyone should be considered equally, regardless of their circumstances or how much money they may have.

### 5. In Quote 1, what does post-apocalyptic mean? Why do you think experiencing homelessness might be like living in a post-apocalyptic world?

Post-apocalyptic is a hypothetical term referring to the time following a nuclear war or other catastrophic event. This would be a time when the world is in disarray and society has broken down. People experiencing homelessness might feel like they are living in a post-apocalyptic world as for them, their world has already come crashing down. They are not able to interact in society like everyone else is able to.