

Vocabulary:

"I Was Homeless"

Directions: Read the following definitions and example sentences. Then add one more word from the article.

1. **belittle (bee-LIT-uhl)** *verb*; to make someone or something seem less important
example: Corina belittled Sean's science project, saying it looked like a first-grader had made it.
2. **daunting (DAWNT-ing)** *adjective*; causing people to feel afraid or less confident
example: The thought of trying out for the varsity basketball team was daunting, but Angela decided to conquer her fears and go for it.
3. **dehumanizing (dee-HY00-muh-nahyz-ing)** *adjective*; made to feel like less than a human being
example: Slaves in America were subjected to many dehumanizing experiences; one of the worst was the practice of separating mothers from their newborn children.
4. **eviction (ih-VIK-shun)** *noun*; the act of forcing someone to leave a place
example: The Dodds were threatened with eviction from their home because they had not paid the rent for several months.
5. **minimum wage (MIN-uh-muhm weyj)** *noun*; the least amount of money that workers must be paid per hour according to the law
example: Because she was earning only minimum wage at the frozen-yogurt shop, it took Kia a long time to save up for a bicycle.
6. **safety net (SAYF-tee neht)** *noun*; 1. a net placed below acrobats to catch them if they fall;
2. something, such as a government program, that helps or protects someone in a difficult situation
example 1: Despite the safety net below, Olga felt nervous as she practiced the new trapeze routine.
example 2: Tamara felt lucky knowing that if she were to lose her job, her family would provide a safety net.
7. **shelter (SHEL-ter)** *noun*; 1. a structure that covers or protects people or things; 2. a place that provides temporary housing for people or animals in need
example 1: The large tree provided shelter from the hot sun.
example 2: Jessie and his family are volunteering to serve Thanksgiving dinner at the local shelter.

8. _____ (_____) _____ ; _____

example: _____

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Vocabulary Practice:

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Directions: In each row, cross out the word that does not belong.

1.	daunting	ongoing	frightening	overwhelming
2.	protection	safety net	security	agreement
3.	degrading	demeaning	dehumanizing	demanding
4.	humiliate	belittle	shrink	criticize
5.	remove	throw out	include	evict
6.	cover	threat	shelter	refuge

Directions: Complete each sentences using a form of one of the vocabulary words listed in the Word Bank.

WORD BANK		
belittle	eviction	safety net
daunting	minimum wage	shelter

- After the hurricane, the high school gymnasium was used as a _____ for people who had lost their homes.
- An _____ notice on his front door told Josh that he had to move out of his apartment within 30 days.
- "Algebra may seem _____ at first," Mrs. Williams said, "but if you take it step by step, it becomes quite manageable."
- The debate turned ugly as the candidates took every opportunity to _____ each other.
- The government _____ is made up of many different programs, including job training, food assistance, child care, and housing assistance.
- California state leaders voted to raise the state's _____ from \$8 per hour to \$10 per hour by 2016.