

Teacher Guide & Answers

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 1120

1. **B** *homelessness*
2. **C** *He or she could be evicted from their home.*
3. **A** *Sometimes there are more people who need affordable housing than available housing.*
4. **D** *Many families think staying with friends will be less stressful than a shelter.*
5. **A** *the causes and effects of homelessness*
6. **C** *help or support*
7. **D** *namely*
8. **Suggested answer:** *Lack of affordable housing and poverty are the two key reasons why people become homeless.*
9. **Suggested answer:** *Poverty and homelessness are linked because if people do not have enough money to afford housing, they will end up on the streets or in a homeless shelter. People in poverty do not have enough money to pay for all or many necessities and often have to choose between buying food or paying for medical care versus paying the rent. Housing is often the first expense to be dropped because it requires the most amount of money.*
10. **Suggested answer:** *Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage. Students may indicate that the government could build more affordable housing to help families in need and keep them from having to sleep in shelters. More jobs and better-paying jobs would also help reduce homelessness, as many people who are homeless are unemployed due to lack of opportunity. To some degree, programs aimed at helping people who suffer from addiction or mental illness may help reduce homelessness (fewer people addicted to drugs means fewer people who become homeless after spending all of their money on drugs).*