

LESSON PLAN VII

Grade Level 4-6

Time Needed 40 minutes

Skill Areas Language Arts, media research, team building

Objective Students will better understand homelessness and the words associated with the homeless.

Materials copies of Vocabulary List (master provided), pencils, copies of the Word Find (optional)

Teacher Preparation Read Teacher Background information and have copies of the Vocabulary List ready for distribution to the students. If using the Word Find, have copies ready.

Activity Students pair off and

- 1) define the words on the Vocabulary List without using resources.
- 2) As a large group share students definitions.
- 3) Students will then use resources available at the media resource center to find definitions.

Follow-up Discuss term definitions as a large group.

Extension All or some of the Homeless Vocabulary List may be used as that week's spelling list.

Additional Activity Distribute the Word Find to the students and allow them to find the hidden words.



VOCABULARY WORKSHEET

Instructions: Work with your partner to define the words below. Be creative, use any resources available to find the definitions. Happy hunting!

Homeless People:

Affordable Housing:

Poverty:

Myths:

Facts:

Residence:

Welfare:

Transitional Housing:

Eviction:

Advocacy:

VOCABULARY ANSWER KEY

Homeless People: Any person having no home or without a permanent place of residence.

Affordable Housing: Housing that costs a family/individual less than 30% of their usable income.

Poverty: A situation where a family cannot financially meet their needs to survive.

Myths: Any story or belief that is not true or factual.

Facts: A thing that has actually happened or that is really true.

Residence: The place in which a person or thing resides, for example a house or apartment.

Welfare: A program that helps provide basic necessities for individuals/families often in the form of food, shelter, and health services.

Transitional Housing: A temporary housing facility where people may reside for up to two years until they stabilize their housing within the community.

Eviction: Tenants are officially removed from their housing for various reasons; primarily for non-payment of rent.

Advocacy: Utilizing one's power to make changes.

WORD FIND

Find and circle each of the words on the list hidden below. The words may be hidden across, diagonally, or down.

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WORD FIND - Solution Key

Find and circle each of the words on the list hidden below. The words may be hidden across, diagonally, or down.

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Who is homeless? How big is the problem?

- Anybody can become homeless.
- There are thousands of children in the United States that are homeless every year.
- The average homeless person is a mother with two young children.
- Moms/dads, sisters/brothers, cousins, and friends can all become homeless.
- On an average night in Minnesota, 8,600 people are without a home. Thousands of other families are at risk of losing their homes.