

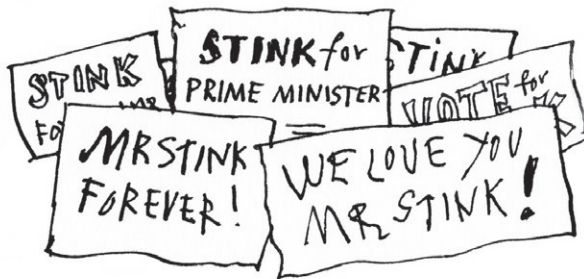
What Is Homelessness?

When thinking about someone being homeless, people often think of someone sleeping in the doorway of a building, down an alleyway or even on a bench.

This can be what homelessness looks like because homeless means 'not having a home'. However, people can also be homeless when they have somewhere to stay but no permanent home of their own, for example:

- staying with friends or family;
- living in a place shared with others, such as a hostel, hotel or shelter;
- living in unsuitable conditions that could be harmful to health;
- squatting (occupying a home belonging to someone else without their permission).

There are lots of different reasons for homelessness, many of which are completely out of a person's control.



Quick Questions

Mr Stink

1. Where might a homeless person be seen? Tick two.

- a hostel
- a house they rent
- their own home
- an alleyway

2. Find and copy a word which means 'long-lasting without change'.

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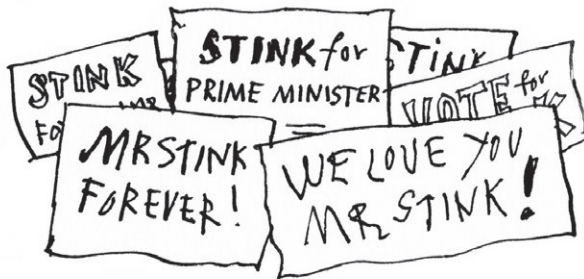
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Answers

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Accept any reasonable explanation of the phrase meaning not the fault of or caused by a person.

4. What is the purpose of this text?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the purpose of this text is to teach children more about what homelessness means.

