

## Unit 11: Social Issues

Match the words in column A with the definitions in column B.

A	B
(1) discrimination	(a) organised violence used to frighten people for political purposes
(2) animal rights	(b) treating people differently for unfair reasons, such as the colour of their skin or their gender
(3) refugee	(c) the basic rights that animals should have, such as not being used for medical research or hunted
(4) terrorism	(d) a person who has had to leave their home country for political reasons or to escape from a war or natural disaster

  

A	B
(1) human rights	(a) permission to live in another country because you are being persecuted in your own country
(2) political asylum	(b) a person who disagrees with the government of their country
(3) dissident (n.)	(c) a person who does not fit into the society they live in because they are different in some way and are often shunned
(4) outcast	(d) the basic rights that all people should have

A	B
(1) ethnic cleansing	(a) a person who lives in an unoccupied building without paying rent
(2) civil rights	(b) to treat someone differently because of their race or skin colour
(3) squatter	(c) killing members of a particular race to eliminate them from a particular area
(4) racism	(d) relating to the rights of people in a society

A	B
(1) genocide	(a) a group in a population who are of a different race or culture than the dominant one
(2) abortion	(b) the killing of a large number of people, often because of their race
(3) homelessness	(c) when a pregnancy is deliberately terminated
(4) ethnic minority	(d) the situation that exists when people don't have a permanent home to live in

A	B
(1) euthanasia	(a) to painlessly end someone's life if they are in pain and are terminally ill
(2) nonconformist	(b) a violent protest about something, resulting in public disorder
(3) extremism	(c) a person who is different and does not follow the normal ways of thinking or behaving
(4) riot (n.)	(d) having ideas that are very radical, such as political or religious ideas
A	B
(1) illegal alien	(a) to bother/annoy someone for sexual reasons
(2) sexual harassment	(b) a person who is living in a country illegally
(3) single-parent family	(c) using illegal drugs for recreational purposes
(4) drug abuse	(d) a family that has only a mother or father

**Complete the sentences below with a word from this unit. You may have to change the form of the word so that it fits into the sentence grammatically.**

1. He arrived as a \_\_\_\_\_. He left his country when the war broke out.
2. Because of the high divorce rate, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ are now very common. A mother or father often has to bring up their children on their own.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a big problem in inner city areas and, as a result, many people are addicted to heroin and other illegal drugs.

4. She fled her country because of her political views and claimed \_\_\_\_\_ in Germany.
5. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a key figure in the \_\_\_\_\_ movement in the U.S.A. He helped to secure equal rights for blacks.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the biggest problems today. It is designed to frighten people by using random acts of violence, such as bombings, shootings and public beheadings.
7. The Hmong are an \_\_\_\_\_ who live in mountainous regions of Vietnam, China, Laos and Thailand. They have their own language and system of writing.
8. The attempts by the police to stop the demonstrations resulted in \_\_\_\_\_. A lot of property was destroyed, and some people were injured.
9. There are laws against \_\_\_\_\_ so that people of different sexes and races have equal rights.
10. People who believe in \_\_\_\_\_ think that we shouldn't experiment on animals.
11. In England, people who still smoke cigarettes are \_\_\_\_\_. They are shunned by the rest of society.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a controversial issue. Should people have the right to end their own lives if they don't have long to live and are in pain?