

Street papers

The (0) B of homelessness is an international one. In the capital cities of the world, the (1) ____ of people begging on the streets is becoming increasingly (2) ____ . But all over the world, homeless people are taking the future into their own (3) ____ . By selling 'street papers' they no longer need to beg for a (4) ____ .

The concept of the street paper is (5) ____ . It is sold by homeless and ex-homeless people who buy it at a (6) ____ price of 30p and sell it to the public for 70p, keeping 40p for themselves. If they have no money, then they can get the first ten copies on (7) ____ and pay for them later. Every paper seller receives training and is given a special (8) ____ badge.

The paper itself (9) ____ articles of general and social interest, film and book (10) ____ , cartoons and the (11) ____ celebrity interview. Advertising and sales (12) ____ most of the income, and all profits go (13) ____ into helping homeless people.

The Big Issue is the street paper of the British homeless. It was set up in 1991, and (14) ____ then it has helped hundreds of people to get (15) ____ the streets and back into society.

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| 0 A trouble | B problem | C difficulty | D chaos |
| 1 A sight | B vision | C look | D view |
| 2 A usual | B common | C rare | D routine |
| 3 A heads | B shoulders | C hands | D mouths |
| 4 A life | B living | C being | D pay |
| 5 A easy | B straight | C plain | D simple |
| 6 A stuck | B steady | C held | D fixed |
| 7 A credit | B cheque | C cash | D card |
| 8 A character | B personality | C manner | D identity |
| 9 A consists | B contains | C keeps | D involves |
| 10 A stories | B reviews | C opinions | D views |
| 11 A sometimes | B often | C occasional | D seldom |
| 12 A give | B provide | C show | D offer |
| 13 A back | B out | C through | D forward |
| 14 A from | B of | C for | D since |
| 15 A out | B away | C off | D up |