

# DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES

**A. Drag the words A-N to the words 1-14 to make common expressions connected with different lifestyles. Use each word only once**

1	fast	A	tension
2	standard	B	image
3	poverty	C	of living
4	child	D	durables
5	welfare	E	level
6	nuclear	F	state
7	working	G	flyer
8	disposable	H	parent
9	consumer	I	benefit
10	single	J	family
11	subsistence	K	class
12	racial	L	income
13	self	M	pace
14	high	N	trap

**B. Complete the passage with these words. There is one more than you need**

renovation	habitation	bare necessities	polarised	threats
brave	victimising	plight	support	demolish
sympathise	cottage	belongs	survival	evict

A Welsh district council has refused to pay for the **1)** of a tiny two-room stone **2)** , and has declared it unfit for human **3)** . The cottage **4)** to Miss Heather Morton, who has lived there since her childhood. She manages with only the **5)** of life, as there is no electricity or piped water. She wants to stay in the 150-year-old cottage, but the council is determined to **6)** her and **7)** the building. Her **8)** has **9)** the community. A few of her neighbours **10)** the council's decision, but most **11)** with Miss Morton and accuse the council of **12)** an elderly lady. Despite the council's **13)** , Miss Morton intends to **14)** out the winter in her home, with her five dogs for company.

*The unused word is:*

C. Decide whether the definitions are true or false. Find the correct definition for the ones that are false.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. <b>Materialism</b> is an excessive interest in money and material possessions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. A <b>status symbol</b> is a possession which is regarded as proof of the owner's social position.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. An <b>acquisitive person</b> is someone who asks too many questions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. <b>Affluence</b> is the power exerted by one person over another.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. <b>Slums</b> are squalid, overcrowded areas of a city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. <b>Squatters</b> are people who illegally occupy houses or land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The <b>metropolis</b> is the capital or main city of a country.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. <b>Tramps</b> are people who travel around on foot, with no permanent home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. <b>Priorities</b> are young couples who are buying their first home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. An <b>au pair</b> is a person who insists on equal opportunities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. A <b>busker</b> is someone who plays an instrument in a public place and asks passers-by for money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. A <b>New Age traveller</b> is a person who travels around the country, camping wherever he/she feels like it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**D. Choose the correct word or phrase from the pair in brackets to complete each sentence.**

- Many housing estates and blocks of flats were put up in the building \_\_\_\_\_ of the 1980s.  
**surge** **boom**
- People are encouraged to live \_\_\_\_\_ these days, by making excessive use of credit facilities  
**in the red** **beyond their means**
- Residents of the \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy good social amenities without the noise and bustle of living in the town centre.  
**downtown** **suburbs**
- It is becoming fashionable to dress in \_\_\_\_\_ clothes snapped up from junk shops and jumble sales.  
**second-hand** **antique**
- Some people opt out of the \_\_\_\_\_ and take early retirement.  
**rat race** **grindstone**
- A house can be seen as a comfortable dwelling to bring the family up in, or as a lucrative \_\_\_\_\_.  
**investment** **profit**
- While some householders have open-plan gardens, others feel the need for high fences, guard dogs and \_\_\_\_\_ lights.  
**privacy** **security**
- Tastes in interior decoration vary from the plain, simple, farmhouse style to the \_\_\_\_\_, expensive decor you find in many town houses.  
**tasty** **sophisticated**
- If a marriage does not work out, the couple often split up, share out their assets, and live \_\_\_\_\_.  
**separated** **apart**
- So many celebrities have a private life which is quite different from their public \_\_\_\_\_.  
**picture** **image**