

EXERCISE 2: GENTRIFICATION

A. Instructions: Read the following text and check the words in bolds and answer this question:

What's gentrification?

Gentrification happens when rich people move into poor or old **neighborhoods**. There are old houses that they can buy and repair. There are also opportunities to open new cafés, restaurants, and stores. Soon, there is a clean and **safe environment** in the area. Many people think this is a good change because there are new jobs, better streets, and more services for **everyone**. But gentrification also has negative effects.

When there is more interest in the neighborhood, prices for rent, food, and other things can **increase**. Many families who have lived there for years can't pay the new **prices**. They can be forced to move to cheap areas far from their original homes. This means they can lose their friends, schools, and local traditions.

Another problem is that the culture of the neighborhood can **change**. There are local **businesses** and small stores that can't compete with new **expensive** places. The neighborhood becomes more modern, but there is a **risk** of losing its identity. Cities can try to control this **process**. Progress is important, but it has to be fair. But everyone has to experience it, not only rich people. Governments can help by protecting house prices and **supporting** local families.

B. Instructions: Read the text and choose the correct option.

1. Gentrification means that...

- a. there are old houses.
- b. rich people come to old neighborhoods.
- c. poor people welcome rich people.

2. Rich people can buy or repair...

- a. old houses
- b. new houses
- c. only apartments

3. The new gentrified area becomes...

- a. poor and cheap

b. clean and safe

c. rich and expensive

4. People can think this can be good but...

a. it is actually negative.

b. it is not negative

c. it is very positive

5. Jobs, places and services...

a. can be more

b. can be worse

c. can be better

C. Instructions: Read the text again and answer True or False.

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| 1. The first thing about gentrification is that prices go low. | True | False |
| 2. Renting a house or an apartment is cheap. | True | False |
| 3. People move to other places. | True | False |
| 4. People can lose their jobs. | True | False |
| 5. But gentrification can be controlled. | True | False |

D. Instructions: Now, use the information in the text to complete the semantic network.

