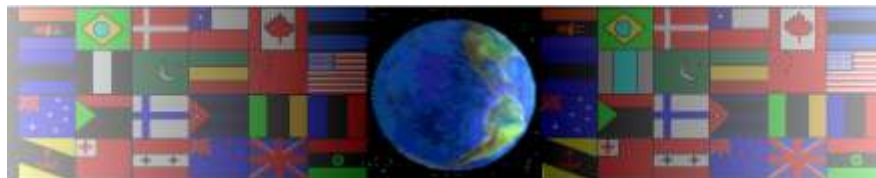


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A slum is a run down area of an existing town OR a new collection of 'ramshackle' temporary buildings. In either case, slums have little or no sanitation and provide very poor, unhealthy living conditions for its unlucky inhabitants.



Slums are inevitably occupied by very poor people and families, who have nowhere else to live. Slum areas often suffer from crime and can be lawless and violent places. People living in slums are more likely to suffer from illnesses and disease. The life expectancy of an average slum dweller is much lower than someone living in good housing with good sanitation.

1. Look carefully at the photograph. What evidence is shown on the photograph that clearly indicates it as a slum area?

2. How do you think people living in slums feel about their living conditions? The key words below may help you answer the question.

DEPRESSED REJECTED BY SOCIETY POOR UNDERVALUED DEHUMANISED

3. How would you feel if you had to live in a slum area? Explain your answer.

4. People living in slums are lucky if they find paid work, often working illegally. What types of jobs do you think they are willing to do?

5. Describe the range of facilities in your home, that you think would not be available in a slum home. For example, a flushing toilet/WC.

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6. If the Government gave you money to improve a slum area, so that was a good area to live. What would you spend the money on? The key words/phrases below, may help you answer this question.

SANITATION BUILDING MATERIALS SEWERS ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WATER SUPPLY

MEDICAL HELP EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN EMERGENCY FOOD AID

7. Imagine you have only one room to live and sleep in. This single room is also the home to four other people. The empty room is drawn below. Complete the drawing by adding all the necessary pieces of equipment / furniture you think you and the other residents are likely to need (keep in mind - cooking, sleeping, sitting, light, warmth etc....). Remember, this room is in a slum area.

