

homeless[ˈhəʊmlɪs] *a*

1) бездомный, бесприютный

2) беспризорный (о детях)

homeless condition - а) бездомность, бесприютность; б) беспризорность

homeless boy - беспризорник

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home-less *BrE* [ˈhəʊmləs] ^m *NAmE* [ˈhoʊmləs] ^m **adjective**

1. having no home

• The scheme has been set up to help homeless people.

2. **the homeless** **noun plural** people who have no home

• helping the homeless

Derived Word ↑**homelessness**Culture:**homelessness** [**homeless homelessness**]

A number of people in Britain and the US are **homeless**. Many are forced to **sleep on the streets** (*BrE also sleep rough* or be a **rough sleeper**) because they have nowhere else to go. Formerly, people who had no permanent home were called **tramps** or **vagrants**. Most were older people. Now, many younger people are homeless. In the US the typical image of a homeless person is of a single man or an older woman. The women are sometimes called **bag ladies**, because they carry their things around in large bags. But many families with small children are also homeless.

Homeless people sleep in shop doorways, under bridges, or anywhere they can find away from the wind and rain. In Britain, the alternative to sleeping rough is to go to a **night shelter** or to **live in a squat** (= live in an empty house or flat without paying rent).

Squatters can only be **evicted** by the owner after a formal court order has been obtained.

Not all homeless people sleep rough or squat. In Britain, a government campaign aims to prevent sleeping rough and begging.

Local councils are legally required to find somewhere for homeless families to live, and many families are housed in **bed-and-breakfast accommodation**. Charities such as **Shelter**, ↑**Centre Point** and the ↑**Salvation Army** provide help and advice and run **hostels** for the homeless. Each winter around Christmas, they also organize **campaigns** which raise money to provide extra night shelters and **soup kitchens** (= places giving free hot food).

In the US many towns have laws making it illegal to sleep on the streets, so the police may tell people to move during the night.

The US also has shelters but it is not easy to get a bed in one. Many do not have enough space, or have only enough money to stay open for part of the year. They are often away from the centre of town, and people need to have money for the bus **fare** to get there.

For many people, homelessness begins when they lose their jobs and cannot pay their rent. Some become homeless as a result of family quarrels, broken relationships, violence, and mental illness. Some homeless people survive by **begging**. In Britain homeless people have an opportunity to help themselves by selling ↑**Big Issue** magazine: they buy copies of the magazine and sell them at a higher, fixed price to members of the public. There are similar publications in the US, but they are less popular. Many people give to charities, or to the homeless on the streets, but some think homeless people are **wasters** (= spend money carelessly), or are too lazy to work, and are responsible for their own situation. Americans generally believe that people should work hard to help themselves, instead of taking money from the government. For that reason, many Americans will give money to charities, but are opposed to a system of government benefits. But homeless people who have no address have difficulty getting the limited kinds of help available from the government.

Example Bank:

• The local authority ruled that he had made himself intentionally homeless and was therefore not entitled to be rehoused.

• Three hundred people were left homeless by the earthquake.

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home-less /ˈhəʊmləs \$ ˈhoʊm-/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^s **adjective**[**Word Family**: **adjective**: ↑homeless, ↑homely, ↑homeward; **noun**: ↑home, ↑homelessness; **adverb**: ↑home, **HOMEWARDS**; **verb**: ↑home]

1. without a home:

• Thousands of people have been made homeless.2. **the homeless** [**plural**] people who have nowhere to live, and who often live on the streets—**homelessness** **noun** [**uncountable**]**homeless**

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