

## Wee Sleep Out Quiz – Juniors

1) What does it mean if someone is “homeless”?

2) True or false?

The main reason that people become homeless is that they are too lazy to work to get money to live in a house

a. True

b. False

3) True or false?

The main reason that children become homeless is because of a fall out with their family

a. True

b. False

4) Can you name 3 other reasons why somebody might become homeless?

5) True or false?

Homeless people don't just sleep on the street - they can stay in temporary or emergency accommodation too

a. True

b. False



6) How many children in Scotland were homeless this year?

- a. Over 14,000
- b. Over 20,000
- c. Over 9,000

7) How many children who are homeless have problems at school (making friends, getting into trouble, not being able to do their homework)?

- a. 30% (1 out of every 3)
- b. 66% (2 out of every 3)

8) True or False?

If you are homeless and go to your council, it is their legal responsibility to make sure you have a roof over your head that night

- a. True
- b. False

9) If every homeless person is entitled to temporary accommodation, why do some people still sleep on the streets?

- a. Sometimes they feel the streets are a safer or better option for them as temporary accommodation can be crowded, noisy and most won't let you bring your dog inside.
- b. They like sleeping on the streets and don't mind the cold in Scotland

10) What should you do if you see a homeless person? (note: NEVER approach a stranger unless you are with a responsible adult such as a parent or guardian.)





## Answers!

- 1) If you are homeless it means that you do not have a safe and secure place to call your own home.
- 2) False – people are very rarely homeless because they are lazy, there are many different reasons why someone may become homeless, and it usually is **not** the person's fault!
- 3) True.
- 4) a. Possible answers (falling out with whoever else they are living with, physically ill, mentally ill, lost their job/couldn't pay rent, lack of well-paid jobs, left prison and had nowhere to go, grew up in care and never found a long-term home)
- 5) True! - They can stay in a council owned flat, there may be space in a hotel, council or charity ran hostels or 'bed and breakfasts' - however there is often no breakfast and sometimes not enough beds for everyone in the room!
- 6) a. This means that on average there are 2 children in every primary school who are homeless!
- 7) b. 66% (correct: 2 in every 3 homeless children).
- 8) True! They should put you up in what we call emergency or temporary accommodation.
- 9) A. It is almost never the case that someone is sleeping on the streets because they want to.
- 10) The best thing you can do if you see a homeless person is if you can smile or say 'hello.' Homeless people often get sad sitting on





the street all day if nobody looks at them. Saying hello can make their day. If your responsible adult agrees, you can ask to buy them some food, or go to social bite's website or pop into a cafe to pay for a homeless person's meal!

**Note to facilitator:** If any of the children are sad about some of the answers this is a good time to remind them that by them taking part this evening and raising money AND awareness of homelessness, they are helping Social Bite to feed, employ and house people who are homeless and they should feel very proud for caring and helping us take care of people!

