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## **Level 5 – 17th December**

### **New Sesame Street character highlights homelessness**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181217-sesame-street-5.html>

The famous children's TV show Sesame Street has introduced a new character to highlight homeless children. The educational TV series, which started in 1969, is helping to tackle the issue of homelessness. It is using a new character called Lily - a 7-year-old girl who is homeless. Lily's suffering is the same as that of over 2.5 million homeless children in the USA and millions more around the world. A Sesame Street spokeswoman hoped that Lily would reduce the shame associated with homelessness. She said Lily could help children feel less alone.

The iconic show has a long history of raising awareness of social issues, like dealing with parents who are in prison, living with autism, and bullying at school. The spokeswoman stressed the importance of reaching out to homeless children. She said: "We know children experiencing homelessness are often caught up in a devastating cycle of trauma....Those children may suffer due to poverty, domestic violence, or other trauma that caused them to lose their home." She added: "We want homeless children to know that they are not alone."

Sources: <https://www.today.com/popculture/sesame-street-introduces-first-homeless-muppet-lily-t145082>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181217-sesame-street-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The famous children's TV     | a. the world             |
| 2. a new character to highlight | b. character called Lily |
| 3. helping to tackle the        | c. less alone            |
| 4. It is using a new            | d. show                  |
| 5. Lily's suffering             | e. with homelessness     |
| 6. millions more around         | f. issue                 |
| 7. reduce the shame associated  | g. is the same           |
| 8. help children feel           | h. homeless children     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The iconic                 | a. to lose their home   |
| 2. parents who are            | b. with autism          |
| 3. living                     | c. show                 |
| 4. reaching out               | d. are not alone        |
| 5. caught up in a devastating | e. to homeless children |
| 6. domestic                   | f. cycle                |
| 7. trauma that caused them    | g. in prison            |
| 8. know that they             | h. violence             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181217-sesame-street-5.html>

The famous children's TV show Sesame Street (1) \_\_\_\_\_ new character (2) \_\_\_\_\_ children. The educational TV series, which started in 1969, is helping (3) \_\_\_\_\_ issue of homelessness. It is using a new character called Lily - a 7-year-old girl who is homeless. Lily's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ same as that of over 2.5 million homeless children in the USA and millions more around the world. A Sesame Street spokeswoman hoped that Lily (5) \_\_\_\_\_ shame associated with homelessness. She said Lily could help children (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The iconic show has a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ raising awareness of social issues, like dealing with parents who are in prison, (8) \_\_\_\_\_, and bullying at school. The spokeswoman stressed the importance of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ homeless children. She said: "We know children experiencing homelessness are (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in a devastating (11) \_\_\_\_\_....Those children may suffer due to poverty, domestic violence, or other trauma that (12) \_\_\_\_\_ lose their home." She added: "We want homeless children to know that they are not alone."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMELESSNESS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181217-sesame-street-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about homelessness in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

