

Homelessness exercise

Do these people/families satisfy the legal definition of someone who is homeless? Please give reasons

- a. Frazer has been living in a joint council tenancy with Kerry for the past 9 years. They have an 8 year old son together and Frazer was a stay at home parent whilst Kerry went to nursing school to get her degree. Two weeks ago Kerry kicked Frazer out telling him she didn't want anything to do with him. He tried to regain entry to get some of his belongings but she called the police and Frazer was told by police to stay away from the area. Kerry has threatened if he comes to the property again she will have him arrested. Frazer is currently sofa surfing with his brother.

- b. Stacey was assaulted in her property 2 days ago. The perpetrator forced entry into her property and physically assaulted her. He told Stacey if she complained to the police he would be back. She was hospitalised for her injuries and discharged today. The landlord has changed the locks and assured Stacey that she can go back but Stacey is too afraid to return

- c. Cameron and Denise have been residing in their housing association property without any issues for the past two years. Cameron's former partner recently got into an argument with Cameron and posted on social media Cameron's status as a registered sex offender and published his address. Vigilantes have started targeting Cameron and Denise by throwing eggs at their property, turning up in groups and offensively chanting "paedophile."

- d. Toby works as a catering assistant in a hospital, he takes home £200 per week. He is 32, single, has no children and rents a bed-sit. He is worried about his rent arrears of £120 but his landlord has assured him that if he continues to pay his rent of £45 per week plus £10 towards the arrears he will not evict him.

- e. Mary is 17 years old and lives with her Mum and Dad in their council house. She has just been kicked off her college course, her parents say they are 'fed up with her attitude' and have told her to leave their home and to get a place of her own.
- f. Janet has a joint tenancy of a council flat with her boyfriend. She has just left him because of domestic violence and is staying at her mum's house.
- g. Jo is staying at a hostel for homeless people.
- h. Hannah and her sister live in a privately rented flat. They both have asthma and Hannah keeps getting Bronchitis. There is no proper heating in the flat so they use bottled gas heaters. A couple of windows in the flat do not shut properly and the roof is leaking. Their landlord has refused to do any repairs or improvements.
- i. Rhian is single and has just found out she is pregnant. She lives in a one-bedroom private rented flat on a six month assured shorthold tenancy that has just begun. She is insistent that she needs a more secure tenancy since she will be having her baby in only seven months' time.
- j. Beryl is 45, she lives alone in a large block of flats. She says she does not feel safe there, as there is a lot of graffiti, and groups of young people hanging around. Last night people running up and down the hallways, banging on her door and windows, woke her. A friend of hers in the next block was mugged last month.
- k. Gareth lives in a private rented bed-sit. His landlord came round last week and told him the rent has gone up from £56 to £85 with immediate effect. Gareth told him he could not afford it and will not pay. His landlord has now cut off the electricity to his bed-sit.