



### **The homeless**

W: Sarah, who is this man you bought a newspaper to at the entrance of university?

Sarah: His name is Jacques, he's a homeless. He's very polite and kind so I try to help him whenever I can.

W: What happened to him?

Sarah: Well, I guess the common way; when he lost his job, his wife kicked him out of the house and he joined the ranks of the homeless. He was rejected by his family and ended up in the street with just his dog for company.

W: Oh, that's very sad...Homelessness is often the end of the line in a series of personal disasters.

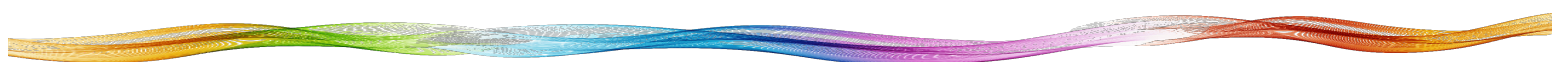
Sarah: Sure. But Jacques, like many homeless people, hopes to get back on his feet by selling magazines on the street, and he deserves great credit for this.

W: Definitely. He's very brave. Homeless people are usually people whose lives have been ruined by the loss of their job, debts, ill luck or illness. Some scavenge for food in restaurant dustbins.

Sarah: the law of the jungle is the rule in the street where it is only a matter of time before a dossier is beaten, robbed or raped. Meeting people's gaze and coping with loneliness are only some of the difficulties homeless people have to put up with every day.

W: But isn't it the duty of governments to help the homeless get off the streets?

Sarah: It should be, but unfortunately the authorities seem to care about the fate of the homeless only when there is a cold spell, and that is quite sad.





**GLOSSARY:**

The homeless	Homelessness
To buy/bought/bought	The end of the line
To happen	A series
To guess	Personal disasters
To lose/lost/lost	Magazines
To kick someone out	(To deserve) great credit
To join	Lives
To be rejected	The loss
To end up	Debts
To hope	Ill luck
To get back on ones feet	Illness
To sell	Dustbins
To deserve	The law of the jungle
To be ruined	The rule
To scavenge	A matter of time
To be beaten	A dossier
To be robbed	Gaze
To be raped	Loneliness
To cope: faire face	The duty
To put up with	The authorities
To get off	The fate
To care	A cold spell
A newspaper	Polite and kind
The entrance	Whenever
The common way	Brave
A job	Whose
His wife	
The ranks	
Just his dog for company	



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