

## Stereotypes and judgements 9/10: Activity 2 Answers

Understand key ideas - answer and discuss the following questions

### 1.What surprised you about the people in the video?

- Many of them had jobs or were studying, which challenges the idea that all people who are experiencing homelessness are unemployed.
- Some people became homeless because of things outside their control, like family breakdown, losing a job, or illness.
- They spoke about their experiences with humour and strength, which was different from how homelessness is often portrayed.

### 2.What are some of the stereotypes the interviewees mentioned?

- That all homeless people are lazy or don't want to work.
- That they are all addicted to drugs or alcohol.
- That homelessness is a choice or that people experiencing it are dangerous.

### 3.What reasons did people in the video give for experiencing homelessness?

- Family violence or not feeling safe at home.
- Losing a job or not being able to afford housing.
- Struggling with mental health or illness without enough support.
- Unexpected events like a relationship breakdown or losing a loved one.

### 4.How did homelessness impact their daily lives?

- Struggling to find safe places to sleep and meet basic needs like food and hygiene.
- Feeling invisible or being treated unfairly by others.
- Finding it harder to get a job without a stable address.
- Experiencing stress and exhaustion from living in uncertainty.

## Analysis questions

### 5.Did you recognize any stereotypes you may have believed before watching the video? Why do you think these stereotypes exist?

- Yes, I used to think most homeless people didn't try hard enough to get a job, but now I understand that many do work or want to work but face barriers.

- These stereotypes exist because of how homelessness is often shown in movies, TV, and news stories.

#### 6. How did hearing real experiences change your perspective on people experiencing homelessness?

- It made me realise that homelessness can happen to anyone and isn't always a result of bad choices.
- It helped me see the people behind the statistics—each person has a different story and reason for being in this situation.

#### 7. How does the way media and society portray people experiencing homelessness influence public attitudes?

- If the media mostly shows homelessness as connected to crime or addiction, people might believe that's always the case.
- Society sometimes avoids talking about homelessness, which makes it easier to ignore or misunderstand the issue.

#### 8. Why do you think people are quick to judge those who are experiencing homelessness? What role do unconscious biases play?

- People often make quick judgments because they don't have personal experience with homelessness.
- Unconscious bias means we might assume things about people without realising it, based on what we've heard or seen in the media.

#### 9. What do you think individuals and communities can do to challenge these stereotypes?

- We can listen to people with lived experience instead of assuming things about them.
- Schools and communities can run awareness campaigns to help people understand the real causes of homelessness.
- Instead of looking away, we can show kindness and respect to people experiencing homelessness.

#### 10. If you could ask one of the people in the video a question, what would it be and why?

- I would ask, "What helped you the most when you were experiencing homelessness?" because I want to know how communities can support people better.

- I would ask, “What do you wish people understood about people experiencing homelessness?” because it might help change how people treat others in that situation.