The haves and the have-nots

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each inequality word with its meaning.

1 wealthy ____	**a** having a lot of money
2 poverty ____	**b** the state of being very poor
3 income ____	**c** money earned from work or other sources
4 inequality ____	**d** an unfair difference between groups
5 afford ____	**e** to have enough money to pay for something
6 struggle ____	**f** to work hard against difficulty
7 charity ____	**g** an organisation that helps people in need
8 opportunity ____	**h** a chance to improve one's situation
9 basic needs ____	**i** the essential things a person needs to live, like food and shelter
10 fortunate ____	**j** lucky, having good things happen to you

2 Choose the correct form.

1 She comes from a wealthy / wealth family.
2 Many families live in poverty / poor.
3 His income / incoming is low.
4 There is a lot of inequality / unequal in this city.
5 They can't afford / afforded a new car.
6 She struggles / struggle to pay rent.
7 The charity / charities helps homeless people.
8 Everyone deserves an opportunity / opportune.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

afford | basic needs | charity | fortunate | income | inequality | opportunity | struggle

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Family A: They have a comfortable 1 _____ and can
2 _____ a good education for their children. They feel
3 _____ compared to many others.
Family B: They 4 _____ to meet their 5 _____, and rely on a
local 6 _____ for food each month.
Report: The report highlighted growing 7 _____ between rich and poor,
arguing that everyone should have an equal 8 _____ to succeed.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 wealthy ____	**a** unfortunate
2 fortunate ____	**b** poor
3 afford ____	**c** unequal
4 equal ____	**d** struggle to pay
5 comfortable ____	**e** uncomfortable
6 abundant ____	**f** scarce
7 secure ____	**g** insecure
8 generous ____	**h** stingy

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

Two neighbourhoods

Ana lives in a wealthy neighbourhood where most families can afford good schools and comfortable homes. A few streets away, many families live in poverty, struggling to meet their basic needs. Ana volunteers at a local charity that helps children from low-income families access better opportunities. She believes that everyone deserves a fair chance, regardless of their income.

1 Ana lives in a wealthy neighbourhood. T / F

2 All families nearby are wealthy too. T / F

3 Some families struggle with basic needs. T / F

4 Ana volunteers at a charity. T / F

5 The charity helps low-income families. T / F

6 Ana thinks income should determine opportunity. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (in, of, to, from).

1 Many families live _____ poverty.

2 She struggles _____ pay her bills.

3 The charity helps people _____ need.

4 Everyone deserves access _____ opportunity.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of the difference between two communities or families in terms of wealth and opportunity (real or imaginary).

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use present tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description respectful and balanced.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Inequality words

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 wealthy 2 poverty 3 income 4 inequality 5 afford 6 struggles 7 charity 8 opportunity

3 Descriptions

1 income 2 afford 3 fortunate 4 struggle 5 basic needs 6 charity 7 inequality 8 opportunity

4 Opposites

1 b 2 a 3 d 4 c 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - some families live in poverty.
3 T
4 T
5 T
6 F - she believes it shouldn't.

6 Prepositions

1 in 2 to 3 in 4 to

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and respectful wording.