



quiz cards

The following quiz is a great tool to use as an introduction to Habitat for Humanity's mission and work. The quiz addresses many topics, from Habitat's role in addressing affordable housing issues to how Habitat works with programs like disaster risk reduction and response and neighborhood revitalization.

This quiz can be used:

- On the construction site, to guide discussion while volunteers are arriving, as part of the morning orientation, or during lunch.
- During public speaking opportunities, such as speakers bureaus or school presentations.
- In ReStores, at the checkout counter or at certain displays throughout the store or on the mission wall.
- For volunteer orientation, as an activity with all prospective volunteers.
- On HabiTours, handed out during travel time.
- By placing flashcards at seats during donor or community events.

Each question includes multiple-choice answers, which you can post to help participants guess the correct answer. Please use the links below each answer to delve deeper into Habitat's work and teaching on affordable housing issues. Be prepared to share examples of how Habitat has made an impact on the topic discussed. In Q1, for example, share local data that include the work that your affiliate has done; in Q6, talk about local education data and share a story about a homeowner's children and education.

Thank you for teaching about Habitat's mission and our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Be sure to end with a call to action, letting volunteers know how they can engage in Habitat's work more deeply.



question 1:

About how many affordable housing units are available to the more than 11 million low-income households in the United States?

- A. 4 million**
- B. 5 million**
- C. 8 million**
- D. 10 million**



answer:



A. 4 million

The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates only 35 affordable homes are available for every 100 renter households nationally.

Additional resource:

The Gap Report — nlihc.org/research/gap-report



question 2:

Cities today produce 70% of global waste, 70% of greenhouse gas emissions, 60% of global energy consumption, represent 70% of economy (GDP) and occupy what percent of total land?

- A. 70 percent C. 20 percent**
B. 60 percent D. 2 percent



answer:



D. 2 percent

The New Urban Agenda sets a new global standard for sustainable urban development and will help us rethink how we plan, manage and live in cities. The New Urban Agenda is a road map for building cities that can serve as engines of prosperity and centers of cultural and social well-being while protecting the environment. The agenda also provides guidance for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and provides the underpinning for actions to address climate change.

Additional resources:

U.N. Report — un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2016/10/newurbanagenda/

Habitat III — habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/

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question 3:

Of the roughly 2 billion children in the developing world, how many are without adequate shelter?

A. 1 in 9

C. 1 in 5

B. 1 in 7

D. 1 in 3



answer:



D. 1 in 3

One-third of children in the developing world lack adequate shelter, and millions of people die every year from substandard housing and its accompanying conditions: unsafe water, poor sanitation and temperature extremes. Waterborne diseases alone kill some 4 million infants and children every year. Additionally, the World Health Organization estimates that nearly 2 million people in developing countries die each year from a single cause: indoor air pollution caused by leaky and inefficient household stoves.

Additional resources:

Poverty Facts and Stats — bit.ly/18pTC78

WHO Health Impact Assessment — bit.ly/15GQBEI

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question 4:

One-fifth of all Americans live in unhealthy neighborhoods.

- A. True**
- B. False**



answer:



A. True

A study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that nearly 1 in 5 Americans lives in a neighborhood with low-quality housing; pollution; and limited access to healthy food, physical activity and job opportunities.

Additional resource:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation study — bit.ly/1KMgr9R



question 5:

One of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme's, or UN-HABITAT's, seven indicators of adequate shelter is "tenure security," meaning:

- A. A lifelong job**
- B. Protection against forced eviction**
- C. Construction that reduces disaster risk**
- D. Fixed rent or mortgage rates**



answer:



B. Protection against forced eviction

Tenure security refers to legal protection against forced eviction. In most cases, the protection of secure tenure takes the form of legal documentation of land ownership. Around the world, huge numbers of families reside in informal settlements and lack this security. Habitat for Humanity CEO Jonathan Reckford calls secure land tenure one of the “critical foundations” for eliminating barriers to a better, healthier, more financially stable life. Habitat has worked for fair land laws in countries around the world, including Bolivia, Cambodia, Malawi, Macedonia, Lesotho, Sri Lanka and Haiti.

Additional resource:

Make Housing a Global Priority — bit.ly/1fPUzck

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question 6:

Children of homeowners are how much more likely to graduate from college than children of renters?

- A. 1.6 percent C. 116 percent**
B. 16 percent D. 1,160 percent



answer:



C. 116 percent

Researchers at the University of Tennessee found that homeowners' children are 116 percent more likely to graduate from college than children of renters of the same age, race and income. They are also 25 percent more likely to graduate from high school, and have higher math and reading scores and fewer behavioral problems.

Additional resource:

Does Home Ownership by Parents Have an Economic Impact on Their Children? — bit.ly/1g0X429



question 7:

Volunteering can help you live longer.

- A. True**
- B. False**



answer:



A. True

Researchers at the University of Exeter, reviewing 40 studies from the past 20 years on links between volunteering and health, found that volunteers showed improved mental health, increased life satisfaction and lower depression rates — and even lived longer. Give yourself a boost while helping others through Habitat!

Additional resources:

Volunteering and Health — bit.ly/1SWcMrT

Volunteer with Habitat — [habitat.org/getinv/volunteer_programs.aspx](https://www.habitat.org/getinv/volunteer_programs.aspx)

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