

The Bare Necessities

1. Consumption goods
2. Physical well-being
3. Line of poverty
4. To satisfy one's needs
5. Shelter
6. Sanitation
7. Healthcare
8. Essential furnishing
9. Home insurance
10. To be deprived of the bare necessities of life
11. To be provided freely
12. To have insufficient income
13. Expenses
14. To pay taxes
15. To dodge taxes
16. Personal security
17. To amass material possessions
18. To do without smth
19. To be of vital/ of paramount importance to smb
20. To provide smb with smth

Answer the following questions:

1. What are the bare necessities of life in your opinion?

2. How much does one need to survive?
3. What is the necessary minimum one should be provided with?
4. Why do people try to amass more and more material possessions?
5. What life style do you adhere to?
6. Do you agree that nowadays people are enslaved by consumerism?
7. What are the most important consumption goods?
8. What things can't you do without?
9. What things would you need to survive in the wilderness/desert/extreme cold/mountains?
10. What bare necessities should be provided freely?
11. What do you think of the quality of life in Russia? Do people have enough to satisfy their basic needs?
12. What do you think is the threshold of poverty?
13. What is more important to you: physical or moral well-being? Are those aspects interrelated?
14. What do you do with old stuff like clothing, furniture and books? Have you ever given those things away?
15. Do you ever buy things only because they are trendy? How does it make you feel?
16. Why do you think different societies have different attitude to basic needs?
17. How would you comment the living situation in Africa?

Comment on the following statements:

“There are four basic human needs; food, sleep, sex and revenge.”

– [Banksy](#)

“The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.”

– [Ralph G. Nichols](#)

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.”

– [Charles M. Schulz](#)



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“A mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone, if it is to keep its edge.”

– George R.R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*