

Poverty in America

Directions Write the correct word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence.

Word Bank

poverty line
highly skilled

service
poverty

cycle of poverty
income gap

demand
market economy

child support
school

1. About one-sixth of rural Americans and one-fifth of urban Americans are living in _____.
2. All of the 34.6 million poor people in America are living below the _____.
3. Mario lost his factory job. He had to take a lower paying _____ job delivering goods.
4. The nearby factory is hiring only _____ workers who will maintain the company's new machines and computers.
5. Lizzie has good computer skills, so she is in _____ when she looks for a job.
6. The money Eduardo pays as _____ helps keep his children out of poverty.
7. Leon's mother works two jobs, but they seldom have enough food.
Leon often misses _____ and has fallen behind other students.
8. When people do not have jobs and cannot improve living conditions, they can be caught in a(n) _____.
9. In a(n) _____, people with skills and talents are in demand.
10. The _____ between the richest and poorest Americans is growing.