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## Courses of English Language (second semester)

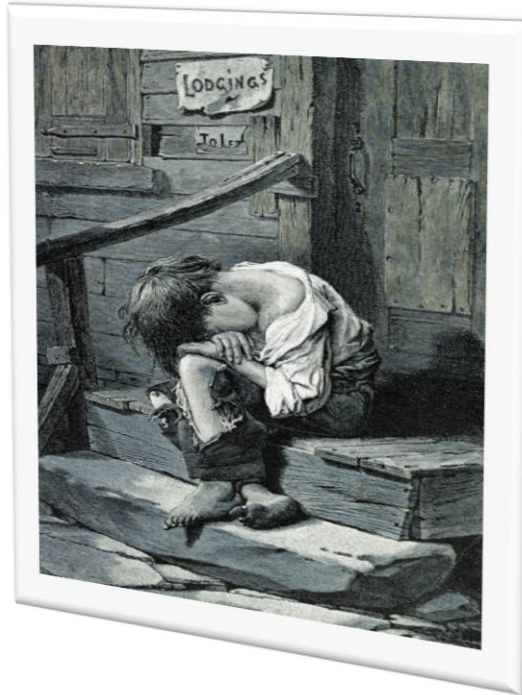
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The word **poverty** comes from the old (Norman) French word *poverté* (Modern French: *pauvreté*), from Latin *paupertās* from *pauper* (**poor**).

**Poverty** is a **state** of an **individual** who **lacks** the **financial means** to cover basic **living expenses**. Individuals living in poverty don't have access to **proper housing**, **medical care**, **drinking water**, and **nutritious food**.

**1. The causes of poverty:** Let's explore some causes of poverty.

- **Wage inequality:**

people with **lower skills** and **education** find **it hard to get a job**. Even if they do, they are **underpaid** or **exploited**.

- **Unemployment:**

**The rapid demand** for more temporary jobs and part-time jobs has left individuals underemployed and has created a limit to potential income-earning opportunities.

- **Economic inactivity:**

**long term unemployment** leads to **economic inactivity** as **people** who are **unemployed** would seek more **government benefits** to sustain themselves.

### **2. Impact and effects of poverty**

Some of the effects of poverty on individuals and the economy are listed below:

- **Health:** **Malnutrition** has been an **important issue** of **increasing poverty** that affects **children's cognitive development**.

- **Poor sanitation:** people living in poverty are not able to access basic safe sanitation, which makes them vulnerable to **fatal diseases**.

- **Education:** In certain economies with **high poverty index**, we find a **School withdrawal** children are forced to work in order to **support the family**.



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- **Economy:** without proper education, it is difficult to progress into a higher paying job with good opportunities; this is what leads to a **weak economy** .

#### **Is poverty an economic or a social problem?**

The United Nations has stated that the problem of poverty is an **ethical, social, economic** and **political** imperative of **mankind**. It doesn't only involve economics but it is also a political problem in nature.

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### Activity one: Complete the following definitions by the correct concepts:..

- is a state of an individual who lacks the financial means to cover basic living expenses  
 ..... **the poverty**
- Wage inequality; Unemployment; and Economic inactivity are  
 ..... **The causes of poverty**
- Malnutrition; Poor sanitation; School withdrawal ;and weak economy  
 are ..... **The effects of poverty-**

### Activity tow : Put the × in the true or false

	true	false
Individuals living in poverty don't have access to proper housing only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
people with lower skills and education find it hard to get a job	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
long term unemployment leads to economic activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
the poverty is a social problem only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Activity three: Translate the following terms to Arabic

The poverty	الفقر	The social problem	المشكل الاجتماعي
The medical care	الرعاية الصحية	The children's cognitive development	التطور الادراكي للأطفال
The Wage inequality	عدم تكافؤ في المستوى	The ethical problem	المشكل الأخلاقي
The Unemployment	البطالة	The School withdrawal	الانقطاع المدرسي
The economic inactivity	الركود الاقتصادي		
The malnutrition	سوء التغذية		