At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

\* discuss what they think about panhandling and why do they exist; suggest ways on how it can be lessened or totally eradicated.

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This is my experience with a "homeless" man carrying a large "Will Work for Food" sign. He was **living in the bushes** behind my husband's place of employment. When police arrested him for **trespassing** and **vagrancy**, they found \$1,000 in cash in his pockets. He told the police he had made the money by standing at a busy **intersection** in the town with one of those signs.

He also said he could never earn that by working, because he takes in \$500 to \$600 a day just holding up that sign. Think about this: If one person gave you a dollar every time the car had to stop, and the signal changed 30 times an hour, and you stood there for eight hours a day, you could make \$240 a day. Realistically, the **figures** are probably much higher. I recently saw a family standing at a busy intersection holding these "homeless" signs. Not only is this activity dangerous, it's also an emotional **blackmail**.



## Panhandling







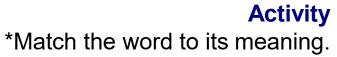








trespassing





- 1. amount or value expressed in numbers
- 2. not having a settled life or regular occupation
- 3. beg money on the street or in a public area
- 4. go on the property of another without permission
- 5. place where two or more roads cross
- act of frightening or embarrassing into making a payment of money

- A: Panhandle
- **B**: Trespass
- C: Vagrancy
- **D**: Intersection
- E: Figure
- F: Blackmail

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- 1. Do you usually give beggars money?
- 2. How much do you usually give?
- 3. Do you feel guilty when you give panhandlers nothing? Why or why not?
- 4. Do you agree that panhandling is emotional blackmail? Why?
- 5. Do you think the government should permit panhandling? Why or why not?