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## Tenement Troubles

**Directions:** Read the passage below about city life during the Industrial Revolution. Then, list the **hardships** and **health risks** faced by families living in tenements.

In the growing industrial cities of the 1800s, many workers and their families crowded into buildings called *tenements*. These narrow, multi-story buildings were often built quickly to house as many people as possible near factories. A single room might hold an entire family, with little light and poor ventilation. Waste disposal was limited, and clean water was scarce. The streets outside overflowed with trash, while smoke from nearby factories filled the air. Disease spread quickly, especially among children, and fires were common because of unsafe stoves and wooden walls. Despite these dangers, tenements remained home for thousands of families who could not afford better housing.

1. What were at least two major **hardships** people faced while living in tenements?

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2. What were at least two **health risks** mentioned in the passage?

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3. Why did so many families continue living in these conditions?

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4. How might the city's growing population have made these problems worse?

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5. In your opinion, which hardship would be the most difficult to live with and why?

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