**Katrina**

Katrina was born in 1955 and raised in New York City by two loving parents. When she was in her 20's, she began to have a serious mental illness. Katrina did not believe anything was wrong and did not receive any treatment. With her parents' support she was able to function and hold a steady job as a medical secretary for 17 years. Unfortunately, Katrina's parents died in 1994 and she was devastated. Unable to successfully deal without their help, she turned to alcohol and drugs, and spent most of the next 20 years living on the street, in shelters, in jail, and in the hospital.

Then, in 2012, Katrina was referred by a local shelter to a group residence. At first, Katrina appeared angry all the time. Not used to living with others, everyday problems-no matter how small--upset Katrina, and she often threatened fistfights with her peers to solve small arguments. However, about a year ago, the residence began a partnership with the New York Horticultural Society and things began to change. Once a week "The Hort" sent a horticultural therapist to work with residents. They used containers for planting indoors, then moved outside and began new plantings in the flower-beds in front of their building.

Katrina fell in love with gardening. She felt a powerful sense of accomplishment and self-worth when she saw something she had planted come out from the ground and bloom.

Katrina's whole personality changed. She followed her treatment plans and began to volunteer her time to help with building-wide events. She became warm, funny and engaging with her peers, and best of all, for the first time in her adult life, she felt like she had real friends.

**Comprehension**

1. According to the passage, why did Katrina become homeless?
2. In the sentence, “She became warm, funny and engaging with her peers, and best of all, for the first time in her adult life, she felt like she had real friends.”, engaging most likely means
	1. Pleasant
	2. Asking people to marry them
	3. Angry
3. The author included this sentence “Not used to living with others, everyday problems-no matter how small--upset Katrina, and she often threatened fistfights with her peers to solve small arguments. “ , to show:
	1. How people with addictions act violently
	2. How group residences are dangerous
	3. How hard it was for Katrina to adjust at first