

Take Back the Block VOCABULARY

Chapters 1-7	Student-friendly definition
protest (p. 2)	something that you do to show publicly that you think that something is wrong and unfair, for example taking part in big public meetings, refusing to work, or refusing to buy a company's products
tenant (p. 2)	someone who lives in a house, room etc. and pays rent to the person who owns it
heritage (p. 2)	the traditional beliefs, values, customs etc. of a family, country, or society
impact (p. 7)	the effect or influence that an event, situation etc. has on someone or something
displace (p. 11)	to take the place or position of something or someone
privileged (p. 12)	having advantages because of your wealth, social position, etc.
grimace (p. 14)	to twist your face in an ugly way because you do not like something, because you are feeling pain, or because you are trying to be funny
luxurious (p. 17)	very expensive, beautiful, or comfortable
eclectic (p. 22)	including a mixture of many different things or people, especially so that you can use the best of all of them
pity (p. 24)	sympathy for a person or animal who is suffering or unhappy
irritated (p. 35)	feeling annoyed and impatient about something
donation (p. 40)	something, especially money, that you give to a person or an organization in order to help them
escort (p. 41)	to take someone somewhere, especially when you are protecting or guarding them
purchase (p. 50)	to buy something
modern (p. 58)	belonging to the present time or most recent time
social justice (p. 58)	justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society

Chapters 8-20	Student-friendly definition
negotiate (p. 65)	to discuss something in order to reach an agreement, especially in business or politics
segregation (p. 70)	when people of different races, sexes, or religions are kept apart so that they live, work, or study separately
gentrification (p. 70)	a gradual process in which an area in bad condition where poor people live is changed by people with more money coming to live there and improving it
revitalize (p. 79)	to put new strength or power into something
financial (p. 79)	relating to money or the management of money
guilt (p. 100)	a strong feeling of shame and sadness because you know that you have done something wrong
intensity (p. 111)	the quality of being felt very strongly or having a strong effect
rally (p. 115)	a large public meeting, especially one that is held outdoors to support a political idea, protest etc.
climate change (p. 117)	a permanent change in the Earth's weather conditions
convince (p. 123)	to make someone feel certain that something is true
summon (p. 127)	to order someone to come to a place
relieved (p. 128)	feeling happy because you are no longer worried about something
dismiss (p. 128)	to refuse to consider someone's idea, opinion etc., because you think it is not serious, true, or important
undervalued (p. 132)	if someone describes a currency, shares etc. as undervalued, they think that its value is lower than it should be
instability (p. 138)	when a situation is not certain because there is the possibility of sudden change

Chapters 21-end	Student-friendly definition
designation (p. 150)	the act of choosing someone or something for a particular purpose, or of giving them a particular description
achievement (p. 150)	something important that you succeed in doing by your own efforts
disobey (p. 157)	to refuse to do what someone with authority tells you to do, or refuse to obey a rule or law
preserve (p. 163)	to save something or someone from being harmed or destroyed
envious (p. 177)	wanting something that someone else has
secrecy (p. 191)	the process of keeping something secret, or when something is kept a secret
frigid (p. 197)	not friendly or kind
urban (p. 215)	towns or cities
doubt (p. 221)	a feeling of being not sure whether something is true or right
intervention (p. 223)	the act of becoming involved in an argument, fight, or other difficult situation in order to change what happens