

**Unit I:** Human Behavior

**Grade Levels:** 9-12

**Time:** 60-90 minutes

## Lesson HI-2: Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

### Objective:

Students will explore Maslow's hierarchy of needs, identifying the importance of satisfying these needs in pursuit of human development and growth.

### Key Terms:

**Psychological needs**

**Self-actualization**

### Materials:

- Reading on Maslow's Hierarchy of needs <http://www.edpsycinteractive.org/topics/regsys/maslow.html>
- Assignment
- Answer key for the teacher
- Handout of pyramid graphic of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

### Activities/Procedures:

1. Introduce the topic of human nature and human development.
2. Distribute Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs reading and assignment.
3. Review the theory with students, then the five levels of human needs.
4. Complete items 1-5 together. Then have students complete the remainder.
5. Review answers and discuss any ambiguity.

### Answer Key to Maslow Hierarchy Assignment

1. 4	10. 3	19. 5
2. 3	11. 2	20. 1
3. 5	12.4 (could be security)	21. 2
4. 2	13.1	22. 4
5. 1	14. 3	23. 5
6. 3	15. 4 (maybe level 5)	24. 4 (could be 5)
7. 5	16. 4	25. 2
8. 3	17. 2	
9. 2	18. 2 (maybe 1)	

### Evidence of Understanding (Assessment of Student Performance):

Formative Assessment:

Hierarchy Assignment (items 1-15)

### Summative Assessment:

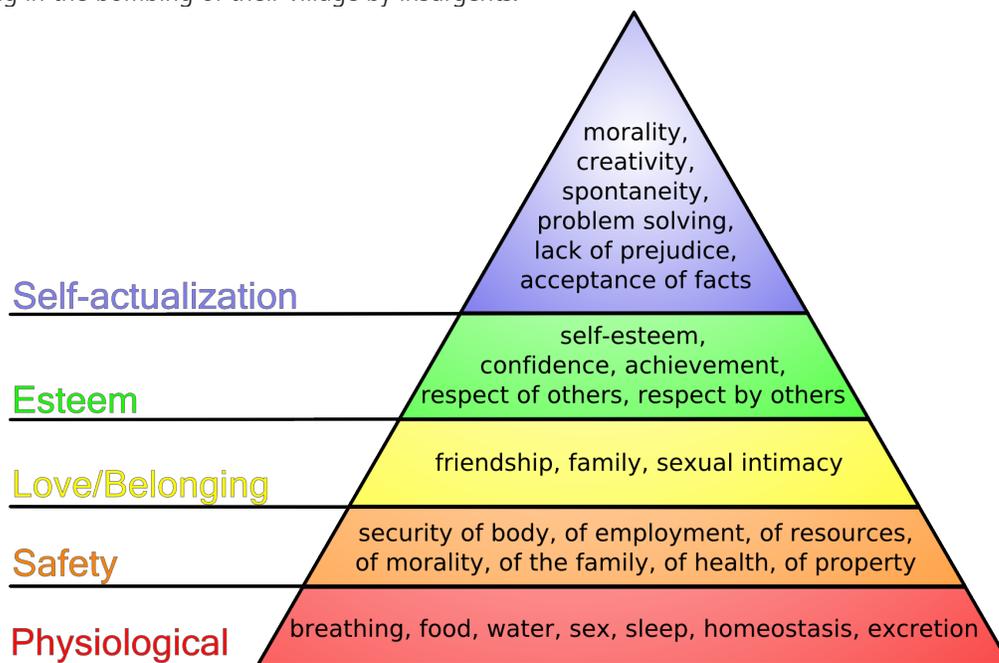
Discussion question: If people are consistently frustrated in meeting their needs, how might this impact their lives?

**DIRECTIONS:** Identify the level (1-5) by applying Maslow's theory to the following real life scenarios.

## Handout of pyramid graphic of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

- \_\_\_\_\_1. As Tyrone studied in smaller chunks of time, repeatedly over a few weeks, his quiz grades improved. He began to see himself as a good student as did his teachers.
- \_\_\_\_\_2. Lastri, 7 years old, becomes a Siaga Mula in the Gerakan Pramuka (Indonesian Girl Scouts), proudly wears her new beige uniform and red scarf to the meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_3. Former Vice-President Al Gore's film, An Inconvenient Truth, is nominated for an Oscar and wins. Then, Al Gore wins the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize!
- \_\_\_\_\_4. As the conflict between the Sri Lankan government and Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (L.T.T.E.) escalated, women and children ran through a river to escape being shelled from both sides.
- \_\_\_\_\_5. Liam's stomach was grumbling during class. He watched the hands on the clock tick toward the end of class and lunch time, not really hearing Mr. McNeely's lecture.
- \_\_\_\_\_6. The perpetrators at Columbine H.S. felt isolated and alienated from their peers, lashing out in a hate-filled murderous rampage.
- \_\_\_\_\_7. In an effort to make a productive change for the better, a smiling Oprah Winfrey spent \$40 million dollars opening a new school for girls in South Africa.
- \_\_\_\_\_8. On Valentine's Day, everyone in Mrs. French's 3rd grade class exchanged valentines with a personalized message about why each student is 'a nice person.'
- \_\_\_\_\_9. Larry, age 12, was afraid to go to school because another boy was constantly calling him names, embarrassing him, so he pretended to be sick and stayed home.
- \_\_\_\_\_10. Daquain was the only one from his high school class who went to T.C.N.J. He and his roommate happily pledged and joined a fraternity.
- \_\_\_\_\_11. Teri learned basic kung fu in an effort to feel better about working the night shift at Pathmark.
- \_\_\_\_\_12. After the restructuring of the company in an effort to reduce costs, Azhure was happy to accept her appointment as supervisor of two departments.
- \_\_\_\_\_13. While learning how to scuba dive, Ernesto's air tank malfunctioned, causing the instructors to take emergency action.
- \_\_\_\_\_14. A few months after her marriage, Vanessa began to fully enjoy her new role as wife and partner to her husband.
- \_\_\_\_\_15. While serving a 10-year prison term for armed robbery, Charlie vowed to change his life, completed an online G.E.D. and then earned his B.S. degree in marketing.
- \_\_\_\_\_16. In 2009, as the unemployment rate climbed to 10.1% in Cairo, Sebek despaired of ever being able to care properly for his family, as a man should.

- \_\_\_\_\_17. The citizens of Harare, Zimbabwe experienced a deadly outbreak of cholera in part due to lack of access to safe water and poor sanitation, sickening almost 100,000 people and killing 4,200.
- \_\_\_\_\_18. With her parents divorcing, her father unemployed, and having to move to a new city, Fernanda's grades fell as drastically as her weight.
- \_\_\_\_\_19. In 2002, Daniel Libeskind won the invitational competition to develop a master plan for the World Trade Center's redevelopment.
- \_\_\_\_\_20. Ali's stomach became upset as he approached the checkpoint manned by armed national soldiers. Stopping, he showed identification cards and watched as his car was searched.
- \_\_\_\_\_21. Violent ethnic conflict in that displaced 250,000 people, who are housed in state-run camps as aid agencies provide water and food.
- \_\_\_\_\_22. In Afghanistan, Kinah was not permitted to attend school under the Taliban. Since the 2002 fall of the Taliban, she enrolled in Girls School No. 2 and has learned to read and write.
- \_\_\_\_\_23. After 10 years of intense study, Shawnika played Rachmaninov's 3rd Piano Concerto perfectly at her audition and was admitted to the Juilliard School of Music.
- \_\_\_\_\_24. Arthur Goldberg served as U.S. Secretary of Labor before being appointed as a Justice of the Supreme Court by President Kennedy.
- \_\_\_\_\_25. Last week, Farzin's family was forced to flee their Kandahar home after violence escalated, resulting in the bombing of their village by insurgents.



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