QUIZ

HOUSING SEGREGATION IN THE U.S.

Put the words and numbers in the table into the text. Check your solution by watching the video.

- a) public housing
- b) real estate
- c) suburbs
- d) 13
- e) households
- f) 7
- g) 73
- h) homeownership
- i) rent
- j) 45
- k) mortgages
- l) 3



There is a vast wealth gap between white and black Americans in relation to 1 White
Americans hold 2. times the wealth of black Americans, who make up almost 3. percent of
the US population, but hold less than 4. percent of the nation's wealth.
The origin of homeownership discrimination dates back to the Great Depression. At that time,
the federal government started to build 5. for both white and black families. It then began to
offer subsidized 6. to white families only so that they could move to the 7. Black families
continued to pay 8.
With time, the white areas became desirable neighborhoods for 9. investment, making it very
difficult for black Americans to buy property there after the law changed. Today, 10. percent of
white 11. own their homes, compared to 12. percent for black Americans.

Answers: 1. h - 2. f - 3. d - 4. l - 5. a - 6. k - 7. c - 8. i - 9. b - 10. g - 11. e - 12. j.