



What's going on this week?

A number of charities, including Streets Kitchen and the Glass Door Homeless Charity, are campaigning for empty commercial buildings to become makeshift shelters this winter. They are predicting that there will be an increase in the number of people who become homeless over the coming weeks and months due to increases in job losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Main question:

How can we help those without a home?

Listen, think, share

- Look at this week's poster and talk about what we can see. Explain that many offices and buildings remain empty due to people working from home, or businesses closing because of Covid-19. Several homeless charities have suggested using these as shelters over the winter. Why do you think the winter is an important time for homeless people to find shelter?
- Think about what is meant when we talk about 'homelessness' and how hard it would be to not have a home.
- Watch this week's useful video, which shows a hotel manager sharing his experience of hosting a group of homeless people during the lockdown period. Do you think he was glad he opened up his hotel?
- Read through the information and facts from the assembly resource. What do you think would be the hardest part of not having a home? Why do you think the government decided to house as many people as possible during lockdown? Do you think they should have continued to offer support when the hotels reopened?

Reflection

People become homeless for many different reasons, at times it will be through no fault of the person, but down to their circumstances. There are many charities and organisations that have been set up to help those without a home.



KS1 Focus

Question:

What does being homeless mean?

Listen, think, share

- Write the word 'home' on the board. What is a home? Explain that a home is usually used to describe the place where someone lives. Think about the different types of home we might have e.g. a house, a caravan, a bungalow, a flat, a boat.
- Think about your home. What does it look like? Who do you live with? Where is it? What do you like about it? Is there anything you don't like?
- Look at resource 1, which shows some of the things our homes provide us with and some of the things we have in them. Sort them into the things we need and the things we could survive without. Does everyone agree? Can you think of anything else you might need?
- Discuss how having a home makes you feel e.g. safe, secure, loved, happy.
- Explain that people who are homeless do not have a home or a place to live so they might not have some of the things found in resource 1. What do you think that might be like?
- There are many different reasons why someone might become homeless and sometimes they are very unlucky. Can you think of any ways you might be able to help someone who is homeless?

Reflection

For many of us a home is a place where you feel safe, loved and protected and it provides us with the things we need. Sadly, not everyone has a home but there are ways we can help.



KS2 Focus

Question:

What help do homeless charities offer?

Listen, think, share

- What is a charity? Can you name any charities? Explain that charities are organisations that provide help or raise money for those in need. It might be an animal charity, a charity to raise funds for a new play area or a charity that helps people.
- There are charities whose aim is to help people who are homeless. Can you think of any examples of charities who do this? If not, can you find some? Create a list.
- Look at resource 2, which shares some of the ways a homeless charity can offer help to those that need it. Have you ever helped a homeless charity?
- Do you think some of the ways charities help are more useful or valuable than others? For example, are raising funds more important than encouraging volunteers?
- Charities rely on people making donations. Often they have ideas and ways you can fundraise. Have you ever fundraised for something? Create a list of ways you might raise funds e.g. a sponsored walk/bikeride, a cake sale.
- Some people choose to raise money for homeless charities by spending a night without a home, sleeping outside. Why do you think they do this? Do you think raising awareness is important for charities?

Reflection

Homeless charities provide many different ways to help people without a home. From raising money and encouraging volunteers, to raising awareness. We may be in a position where we can help.



KS2 Follow-up Ideas

Option 1: Research a homeless charity. Find out:

- What is the charity?
- How do they help homeless people?
- Who is involved?

Create a poster or information leaflet to promote the charity and raise awareness. Think about:

- How will you make your poster/leaflet eye-catching e.g. colour, heading, a picture?
- What important information will you include?
- Can you use persuasive language?
- Can you include emotive language?
- What other language features could you include e.g. rhetorical question, alliteration, repetition, rule of three?

Option 2: Research from the BBC reports that more than 28,000 people were sleeping rough in the UK in 2019.

- Say 28,000. Can you write it in words?
- Write 1 more and 1 less than 28,000.
- Write 10 more/10 less and 100 more/100 less.
- Write another 5 digit number and repeat the tasks above.

The government said it was providing £437,000,000 to tackle homelessness.

- Can you say this number?
- Can you write it in words?



KS1 Follow-up Ideas

Option 1: Draw a picture of your home. Use your picture to help tell someone else about your home. Think about:

- What type of home is it e.g. a house, bungalow, caravan, flat?
- Where is your home?
- Who lives with you?
- What do you like about your home?
- Is there anything you don't like?

Explain that not everybody has a home. We call people without a home homeless.

- How might it feel if you didn't have a home?

Option 2: Think about your morning routine.

- Can you describe what you usually do? Get out of bed, get dressed, have breakfast, wash and brush teeth, go to school.
- Is your routine the same or different to other people in your class?
- What do you do first? What do you do last?

Imagine you were homeless.

- How tricky might it be to carry out your morning routine?
- What might be different? Would you have a bed to get out of? Would you be able to have breakfast?



This Week's Useful Websites

This week's news story

<https://bit.ly/3bpzEBU>



This Week's Useful Videos

Hotel manager speaking of his experiences

<https://bit.ly/3bpzEBU>



This week's Virtual Assembly

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

This Week's Useful Vocabulary

Campaign – a planned set of activities or course of action to achieve a goal.

Commercial – involved with making money or profits.

Host – someone who has invited guests and may provide them with food, drink and entertainment.

Makeshift – something that is temporary and acting as an interim.

Predict – say or estimate that something will happen in the future.

Suggest – put forward a plan or idea for someone to think about.