



Are you part of
society if you
don't have a
home?

TAKE IT FURTHER:

THINK

What curiosity questions can you ask?

e.g. What does society mean? What does it mean to belong to society? What happens if you don't have a home – do you have a community? Who decides what a society looks like?

FEEL

How might different people feel about this?

e.g. How does it feel to belong to a group or community? How might it feel to not have a home? How might it feel to not belong to anything stable or safe? How might it feel to be ostracised because of something that is no fault of your own?

CONNECT

What links can you start to make?

e.g. What are some of the reasons that people across the world are living without a home? What causes people to leave their communities or societies? Why do some communities welcome outsiders in more than others? What are the links between community, society and equality?

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Activity ideas:

1. Why do you think some people don't have a home? Think about and talk about some of the reasons that people across the world may be living without a home. How might it feel?
Close your eyes and imagine someone living without a home and speak out loud some of the thoughts and feelings you may have. Now watch and read the short story called *The Journey* about a family leaving home and travelling away from their society and community:
[The Journey - by Francesca Sana](#)
2. Explore some of the feelings of belonging and homelessness with some activities from our friends at Empathy Week. Engage with a wide range of free activities, videos and competitions to develop empathy and empowerment:
[Empathy Week](#)
3. What makes you feel you belong? Take a blank piece of paper and find an old magazine or newspaper. Thinking about the word BELONGING create a collage of words, images, shapes, colours and ideas that you reflect on when thinking about belonging. There is no right or wrong way to respond to this activity
4. What makes a community tolerant and inclusive? You may be aware of some countries and communities across the world who are much more welcoming to outsiders, refugees, homeless communities than others. Why is this? Who decides who belongs to a community and what influences a community to become more or less welcoming?

USE THE **EXPLORER'S GUIDE TO HELP YOU*

What other activities could you do?

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RESOURCES:




THINGS TO READ

[The problem of othering](#)

(Article | *Othering & Belonging*)

[The power of giving homeless people a place to belong](#)

(Article | *Citylab*)



THINGS TO WATCH

[A society built on belonging](#)

(2 minute video | *Othering & Belonging institute*)

[Motivation of the invisible](#)

6 minute video | Ed Kirwan



THINGS TO LISTEN TO

[No place for the homeless](#)

(29 minute podcast | BBC Radio 4)

[The Hidden Homeless](#)

(26 minute podcast | World Service)



THINGS TO DO

[Take part in Empathy Week](#)

(Videos and activities | Empathy Week)

[Meet our homelessness changemakers](#)

(Ed Kirwan | Etienne Salborn)



THINGS TO INSPIRE

[Explore our Homelessness topic](#)

(A home-learning topic for 5-18 year olds | ThoughtBox)

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