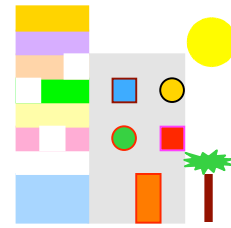


What did you find out about leaving home?

Name:

Group/Class:

Date:



1. Add 3 things to the list below that you have to think about when you're leaving home:

1. Finding a place to stay
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2. True or false?

the average age for leaving home in Scotland is about 22

if you're on benefits you don't have to worry about paying rent

there are huge waiting lists for council houses, you need to apply early

if you're pregnant and over 16 it's really easy to get a council house

Shelter's free housing advice helpline is only for homeless people

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3. According to the law, what age can you legally leave home?

- 16 18 21 don't know

4. In which of these situations would you describe somebody as homeless? (tick as many as you think)

- they have no choice but to sleep rough
- their parents are threatening to kick them out at the end of the month and they have nowhere to go
- they don't feel safe where they live because of violence or abuse at home, but nobody is threatening to kick them out or asking them to leave
- they're staying on their sister's sofa but she wants them to leave soon
- they live with a step-parent and they're arguing all the time

5. You had a massive row with your mum a couple of weeks ago and she told you to leave and not come back. Your friend's been letting you stay at their place but they want you to leave this morning. Where would you go for help?

What did you find out about leaving home?

6. You go to the council and tell them you have nowhere to stay. What do they have to do for you?

- nothing – it's up to you to sort it out
- give you advice and information on how to get things sorted
- find you a temporary place to stay if they find you are homeless
- offer you a house if they find you are homeless - but it might not be an area of your choosing
- let you choose where you want to stay and move in when you need to

7. What do you know about the following organisations/helplines/websites?

Organisation/ Helpline/website	I've heard of them	I know about their work	I know where they are/how to contact them
ChildLine			
Citizens Advice Bureau			
www.leavinghome.info			
Shelter's free housing advice helpline			
Roof Aid Centre			
Library			
Housing Department at the Council			
Young Scot Info Line			

8. What age do you think you will leave home at?

9. How do you feel about leaving home and having your own place?

- great! I don't think I'll have many problems
- fairly confident – I know where to go to get the info. and advice I need
- a bit nervous – it's a big move and I'm not in a hurry
- I'm never leaving home it's way too scary!

10. Since having some sessions on leaving home, housing and homelessness would you say (tick all that you think apply to you):

- It's made me think differently about people who are homeless
- It's made me think differently about when I'll leave home and how I'll prepare
- I learned new stuff about where I can get advice and information if I need it
- It was interesting, but none of it really applies to me
- It was dull, I learned nothing – it was a waste of time

Thank you