

About Shelter's Classroom Kit

Key Stage 1

The KS1 lesson plans use games and matching activities to help children identify and describe shapes, materials and features in their local environment so they can create patterns, pictures and models – a useful and engaging introduction to ideas about homes and neighbourhoods.

Key Stage 2

The lesson plans help children describe and discuss features of different homes and environments around the world using models, poems, animations and matching activities. Pupils learn to explore ideas of 'needs and wants' in a housing context and develop empathy with the housing situations of others.

Teacher's notes:

You can use these prompts to help draw the KS1 and 2 lesson plans together and explain to the class a bit about Shelter's work:

Shelter put this classroom kit together.

- Who or what is Shelter?
- What does 'shelter' mean?
- Look at the letter 'h' in Shelter at the top of all the slides:
- What shape is it?
- Have we seen that shape before in any of the other lesson plans?
- Does it give you a clue about what Shelter does?

You could read out this statement: 'Shelter wants to make sure that everyone has a safe, comfortable home to live in, that is big enough for the whole family, in a nice neighbourhood'.

Your class could combine any of the activities we've suggested in the KS1 and 2 lesson plans to make a collage or project showing their ideal home, neighbourhood or town – made up of their favourite elements, shapes, materials, features for a show and tell.

Why not invite other pupils in for a guided tour!

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Key Stage 3

The Citizenship KS3 module uses games, debate cards, video and case studies to encourage pupils to explore homelessness and housing need, consider how better neighbourhoods influence quality of life, examine arguments for house building and gain an insight into housing law and Shelter's work.

Key Stage 4

The PSHE lesson plan uses budgeting scenarios and games to explore the concept of financial capability and promote responsible money management.

The Citizenship KS4 lesson plan encourages pupils to debate and challenge opinions about young homeless people and discuss their housing options.