



On the Road



Type of activity: Reflecting on different lifestyles

Who is it for? All the family

What do I need?

- Piece of paper
- Crayons, paint or felt tip pens
- Access to the Internet
- Curiosity, reflectiveness, imagination and creativity

Introduction

As we are spending another month in our homes with the possibility to move around relaxing slightly but still not getting back to the pre-lockdown hustle and bustle, and to mark Roma, Gypsy and Traveller History Month, and to help investigate Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, we invite you think about the concept of home, movement and freedom.

Did you know that a long time ago all people were on the move? That's right, all humans had a nomadic lifestyle, but for the majority of us this changed with time. If you were a nomad, what would your life look like?

Here's how to...

1. Start by reflecting on the experience of staying at home for the past few months: what has it been like for you individually and for you as a family? Has it changed anything about your relation to yourself, family members, other people? Has it changed the way you use the space? In what way? Has it changed the way you think about movement and travel? Are there any other places you would like to be in right now? What are they? Would you rather stay at one place forever or keep moving?
2. Some people live a settled life, some are constantly moving, some move because it's their choice, some because of necessity. Below is a list of words and expressions. Copy them on to small pieces of paper and put them in a hat or bowl. Take turns to pick a card (one per person) and talk about their meaning in relation to the word 'home'.

tourist	tent	commuter	migrant	expat
nomad	digital nomad	refugee	Traveller	Roma
Gypsy	globetrotter	explorer	tiny house	caravan
summer house	cottage	block of flats	vardo	

3. Watch 'Roads from the Past', a short, animated video, to learn about people for whom being on the move is part of their culture.

<https://www.travellerstimes.org.uk/heritage/roads-past-short-history-Britains-Gypsies-Roma-and-Travellers#> .

What now?

1. Imagine if you lived in home that is mobile. What would it look like both inside and outside? What things would you keep in it? What size would it be? Now, design your own mobile home both exterior and interior. Share your designs.
2. Make a quiz based on the information from the film.
3. Check 'Living big in a tiny house' channel on you tube to learn more about the tiny house movement, see designs and hear about people's experiences related to that.