

Family and Home



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What are the different connotations of the word 'house' and 'home'?

House



Home

Family



The family pictured has two parents, and two children- what is known as the traditional idea of a 'nuclear' family.

Do all families have this structure?

Do all families have children?

Do all families live together in the same home?

Does your family look like this, or differ from this?

A family could be...



A mum
and her
son



A dad and his
daughter

A Grandad and
his
Granddaughter



Two mums
and their
daughter



Or a grandma and her grandchildren, an uncle and his nephew, an adoptive parent and their children, two dads and their daughter, a couple and their dog, a stepdad and his stepchildren...

A family can be whatever they want it to be and does not always mean biological family!

Adoption



Some families have **adopted** children.

Being adopted means that you can't live with the people you were born to: your birth parents.

Adoption means becoming part of this new family for ever.

Children are adopted for lots of different reasons!

Fostering

Similarly, some families have **foster** children.



Being fostered means you might not live with this family for ever, but they help to look after you when you need it.

Being **fostered** could mean living with family sometimes, as well as living with your foster family.

Again, children are fostered for lots of different reasons!

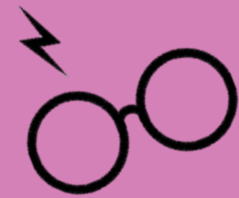
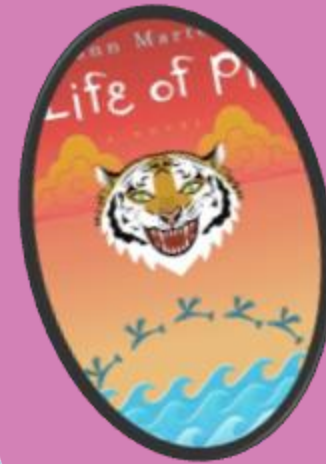


Can you think of any examples?

Have you ever read a book or watched something on TV that features an adoptive or foster family, or a character who has lost their parents? There are a few clues on the board to help you!



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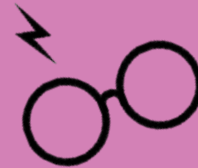
What can we learn?

What can these literary and filmic examples teach us about the importance of family and belonging? Write down some ideas about the positive lessons of these texts. What can family give us?

Challenge: Why is it a common trope for literary characters to be orphans? What feelings could this help create in the reader?

Belonging

O'hana
MEANS
Family



Supper



Let's think about family!

Who is important to you in your family?

What does it mean to be part of a family?

What does your family do to look after you and keep you safe?

How does being in a family make you feel?



Your family might...

Get you up and out when you're trying to have a lie in.



Provide food, shelter and a space of your own.



Drag you out of the house to make sure you get some fresh air.



Drop you off at school or make sure you've got bus fare.

Provide emotional support and comfort to help you when you're struggling.



What do you think about family and home?

You will be part of an exciting new project.

You are going to represent artistically what family and home means to you. All of our pieces will be transformed into one huge work of art.

You will help people to learn about all different types of families by thinking about what family means to them.

You can create an artwork, and you should also include a word, sentence or short description about what family means to you. Try to demonstrate a key concept about family with your artwork.



Like this!

You could draw a family or be even more imaginative and draw something that represents the idea of family to you! Remember, there are lots of different types of families.



Love



family



Remember to include a sentence about what family means to you. You might like to use words like:

LOVE

Belonging

SAFETY

NURTURE
THEIR
DREAMS

HELP
Each
OTHER

Support