

Who lives where?

The aim of this activity is to explore your child's expectations about types of dwellings and the people that live in them. You can do this by using the three pictures of houses as starting points for your child to tell some stories about the people that live in them.

It gives an opportunity for you to find out more about how your child thinks about the differences between people and how they are developing their ideas about the social world.

Although this activity is based on assessments that psychologists use, like the examples in the Child of Our Time programme, there isn't a fixed set of questions, but rather a suggested set of 'prompt' questions that you can use to get your child going and get a rich picture of their thinking.

Get the test ready

First print out the download sheet 'Who lives where?'. Cut out the three house pictures and lay them out in a row in front of your child.

Find out what your child thinks

Start by asking 'what sort of people live in these houses?'

Then use as many of the following questions as you wish, not necessarily in this order, adding more if you want to. Encourage your child to elaborate their stories by giving positive feedback and inviting more detail.

- Which house would you most like to live in? Why?
- Would there be children in the house?
- What would they want to be when they grow up?
- What games would the children play in this house?
- What food would the people in this house eat?
- What car would they have? Would they have more than one?
- What would be their favourite TV programme?
- Would there be a dad in this house? Would he have a job (if yes; what would it be)?
- Would there be a mum in this house? Would she have a job (if yes; what would it be)?

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