

HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

Home

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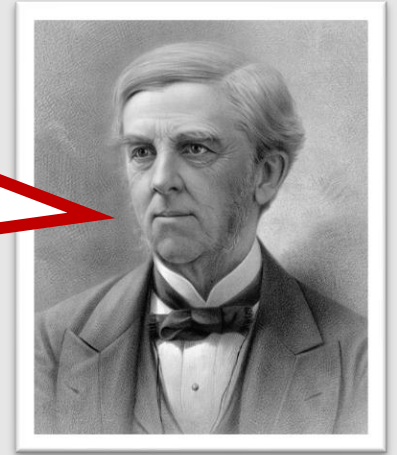
Quotes about home

Home is, I suppose just a child's idea. A house at night, and a lamp in the house. A place to feel safe.



V. S. Naipaul
Trinidadian novelist

Where we love is home – home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.



**Oliver Wendell
Holmes Sr**
Boston poet

One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night.



Margaret Mead
New York anthropologist

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Thinking about home

Caring thinking

Do you sometimes take your home for granted? Can you imagine how you might feel if it were destroyed in a disaster?

Collaborative thinking

Why do the ideas of 'hometown' and 'homeland' mean so much to many people?



Creative thinking

If you could design your own home, would it be different from how it is now?

Critical thinking

Is it sensible to talk about planet Earth as our home?



Imagine you won the lottery... Would you make any changes to your home?



Think **AHEAD**

What changes have there been to your home since you have been living there?



Think **BACK**

What things do animal homes and human homes have in common?



CONNECT



DIVIDE

What different sorts of room are there in your home, and why?



LISTEN/LOOK

When you visit other people's homes, do you notice things that you'd like in your own home?



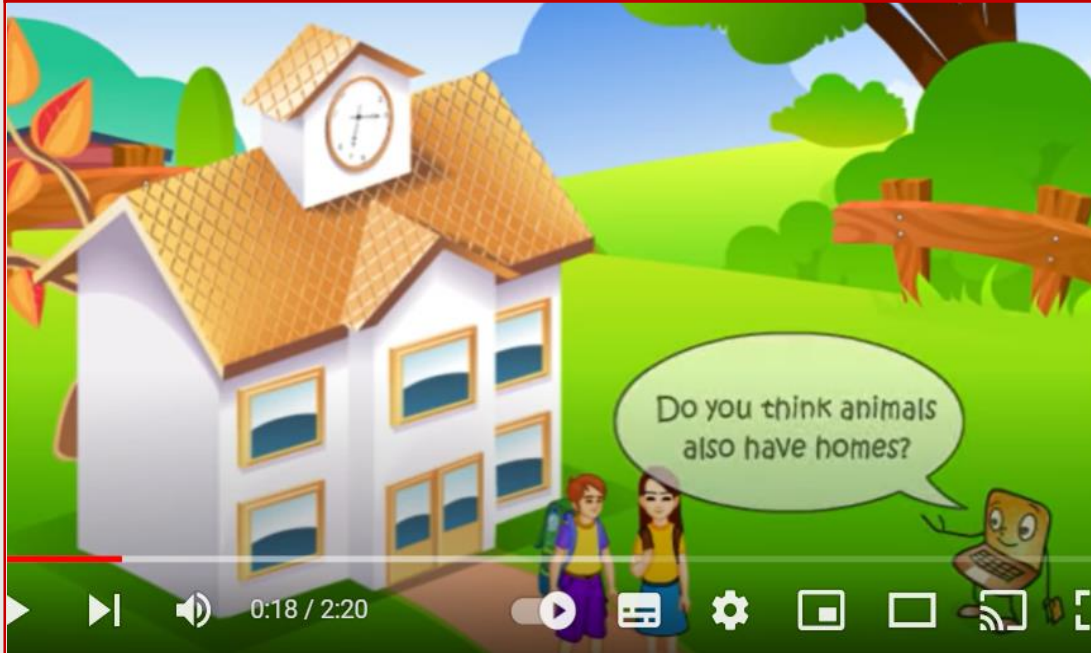
ZOOM (in/out)

What do you like most in your own home?

Could you imagine living on another planet?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/OP3M95Soj00>

Animal homes for kids by Wisdom Leap

Learning about the different sorts of homes that animals have.

Talking Points

- Would you feel safe living in trees, like monkeys?
- Do you think monkeys or lions would feel at home in your house?
- Could lots of humans live in one home, like ants?
- Do you think farm animals would rather live in wild places than in homes built by humans?

Activities

- Make up a conversation about homes between birds, horses and bees.
- Build a special home for your doll or your pet.

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/LwulbmQiQug>

Animal Homes by Living Classroom

Why do animals make homes? How do they do it? Can you find some animal homes yourself?

Vocabulary: A predator is an animal that hunts and eats other animals.

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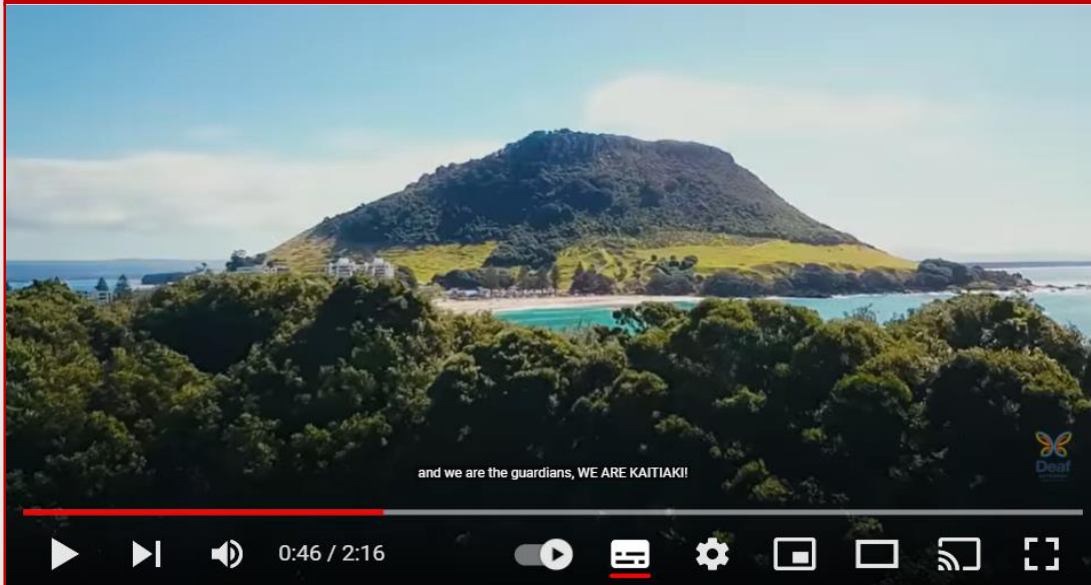
- Did you think of humans as animals? What is it about humans that makes us different from other animals?
- Can you remember the four reasons given why animals need homes? Can you sign them? Are some more important to you than others?
- What is 'comfort' and how important is it?

Activities

- Try an animal home scavenger hunt of your own. (Remember the three essential things!)
- Another essential thing was to 'slow down'. Why is this good advice for scavenging?

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/VorENrY3rr4>

No Place Like Home in New Zealand Sign Language by Tiki Taane

A celebration of the beautiful islands of New Zealand, and of its people and languages.

Note: 'Kaitiaki' is a Maori word meaning carer, guardian, protector and conserver.

Talking Points

- In the 19th century people sailed from Europe to New Zealand to make a new home. Can you imagine why, and what the adventure was like?
- The people in the film seem very happy with their homeland. Why do you think that might be?
- If you could choose any country to be your home, which one would you choose?
- Should we always welcome people into our home or homeland?

Activity

- Design your perfect home or homeland.

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