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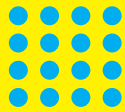
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Answers Booklet

# What's homelessness all about?

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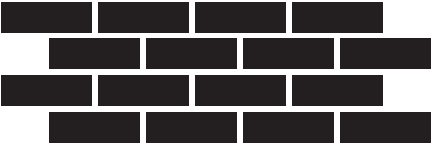

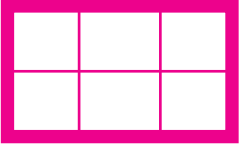


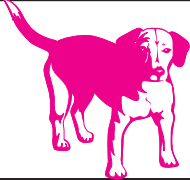
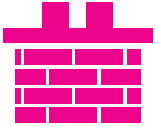





English

## What is a home?

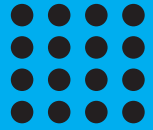
Fill in the table with words and / or pictures that you would associate with a house and a home.

Two have been completed for you. Think of others to complete the table.

House	Home
Roof 	Food 
Walls 	Family 
Windows 	Toys 
Doors 	Pets 
Chimney 	Safety 
Electricity 	Love 

## What is homelessness?

Using a dictionary complete the following table...



Picture	Word	Definition
	Homeless	A person with no permanent home
	Simon Community	An organisation helping people who are homeless
	Hostel	A building which accommodates people who are homeless
	Runaway	A person usually a child that runs away from home
	Family Breakdown	Inability of a family to stay together e.g. Divorce
	House	A building where most people live
	Stereotype	An image of a person where the characteristics are exaggerated and not realistic

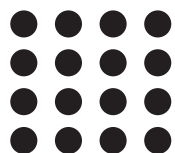
Finish the table by drawing a picture to illustrate each word.



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Citizenship

## What are homeless people like?



Use these questions to label the stick person.

1. Is this person male/female?
2. What age is this person?
3. What are they wearing?
4. Where do they live?
5. Why are they homeless ?
6. Do they have any belongings with them?
7. How do they get money?

Homeless due to family conflict.  
Lives in a hostel.

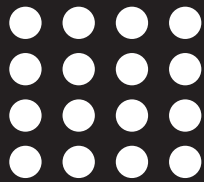
Male.  
25 years old.  
Fashionable clothes.



Belongings:  
Clothes  
Stereo  
CD's  
Photos

Gets money from employment or benefits.





## Why do people become homeless?

### Child

Sally's parents stopped getting on with each other and decided to get a divorce. As neither of them could afford to pay the mortgage they had no choice but to sell their home.

### Family

Jane lived with her 3 children in a 2 bedroom house. Recently their home was attacked with bricks and paint. The police believed that the reason for these attacks related to their nationality. Jane was so frightened that she moved her family out of their home and into a family hostel until the Housing Executive could re-house them.

### Woman

Susan and her husband argued a lot. Sometimes when they would have a fight Susan's husband would become violent towards her. Susan decided that it was unsafe to stay in her home and so decided to leave. With no other family or financial support she moved into a women's hostel.

### Man

Paul liked to bet on the horses. As time went on he placed more and more money on his bets. Paul started to get into debt and couldn't afford his rent. He lost his home and had to find somewhere else to stay.

## Reason

Family Breakdown

Intimidation

Domestic violence

Addiction

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## Many people are homeless in Northern Ireland.

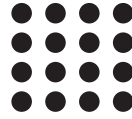
In 2006/2007 21,013 households declared themselves homeless in Northern Ireland. Below is a breakdown of the percentages of ages that became homeless.

What ages are the homeless people that Simon Community helped?

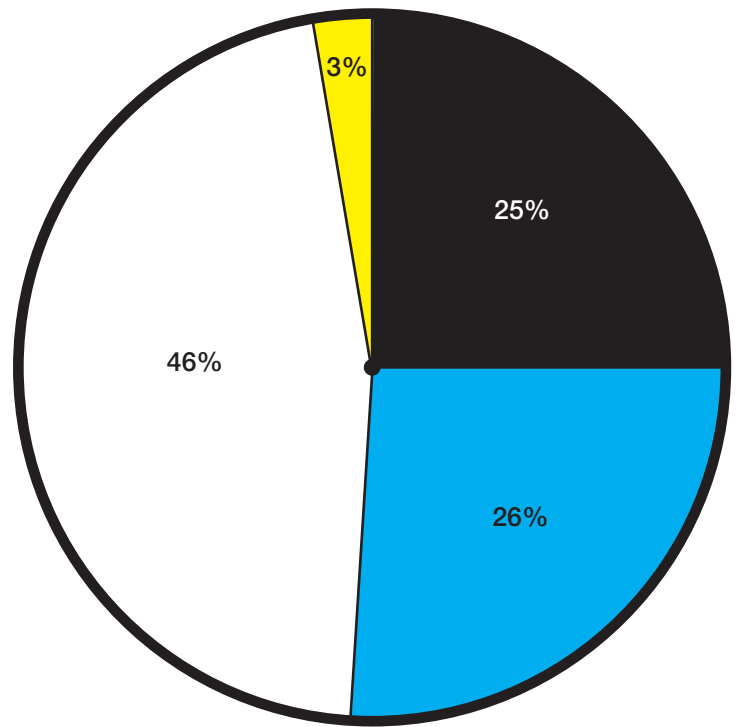
Age	%
0 - 18	25%
19 - 25	26%
26 - 64	46%
Not known	3%

Use the pie-chart to fill in the table above.

Maths



pie-chart



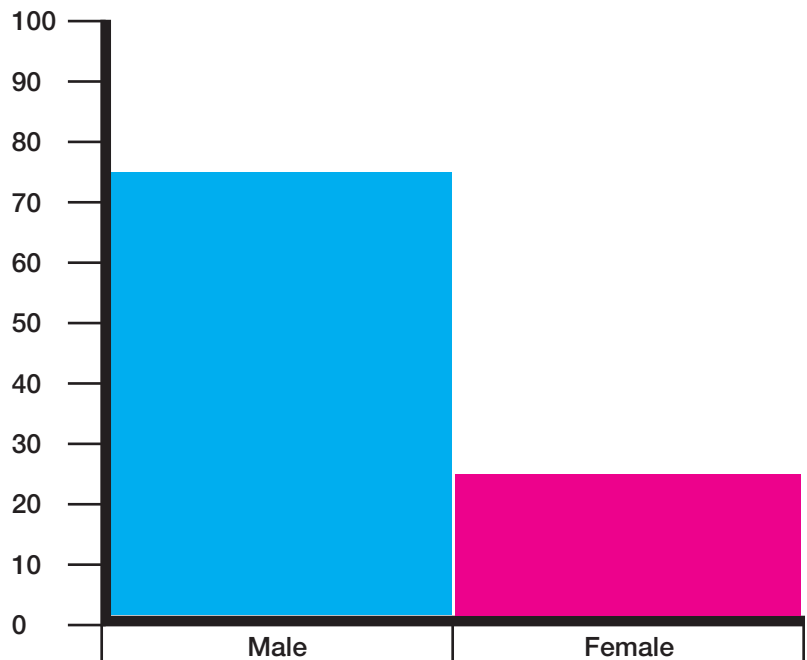
The gender breakdown of Simon Community residents.

Male	Female
75%	25%

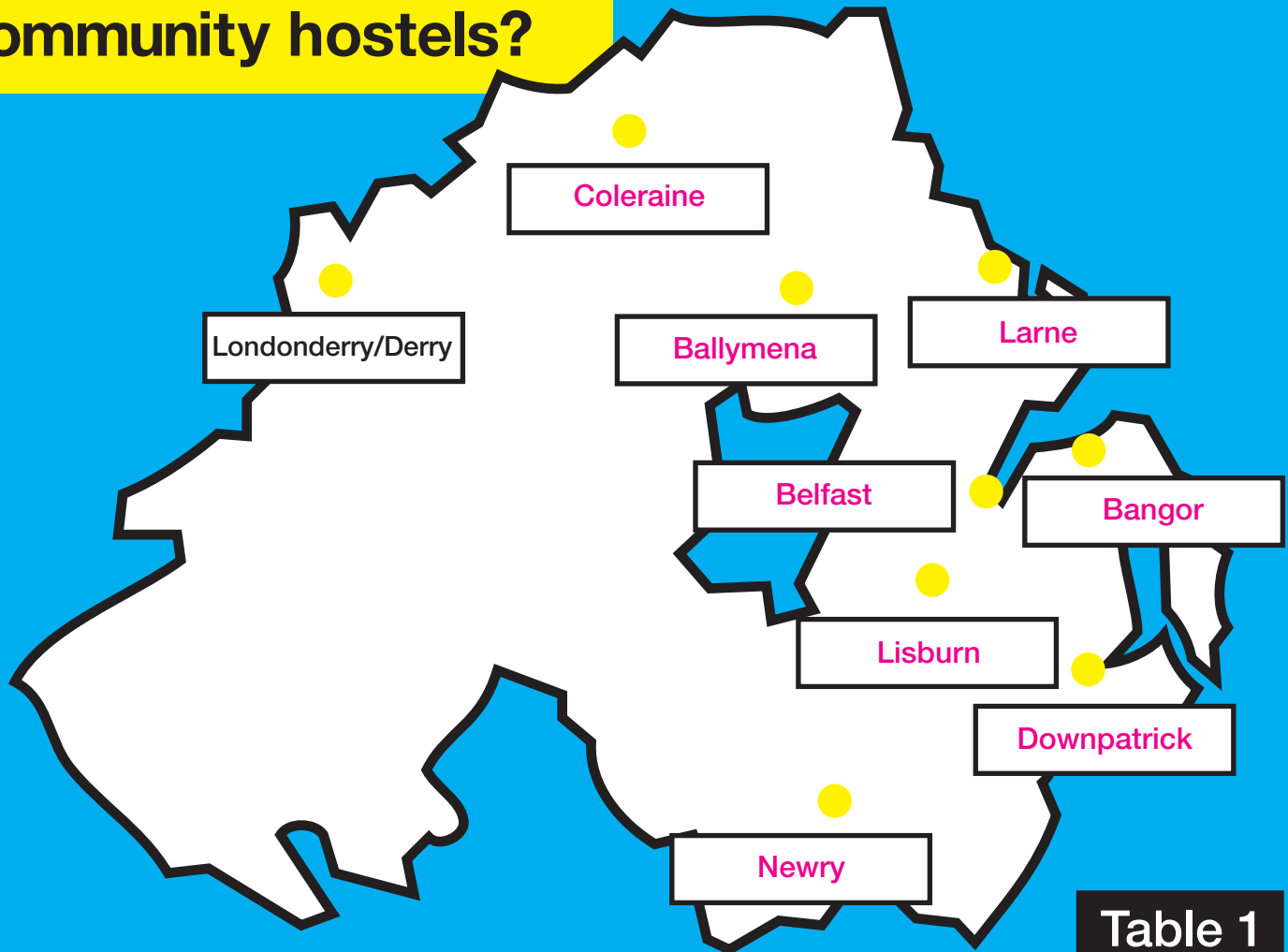
Transfer this information onto the bar-chart, right.



bar-chart



# Where are the Simon Community hostels?

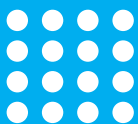


**Table 1**

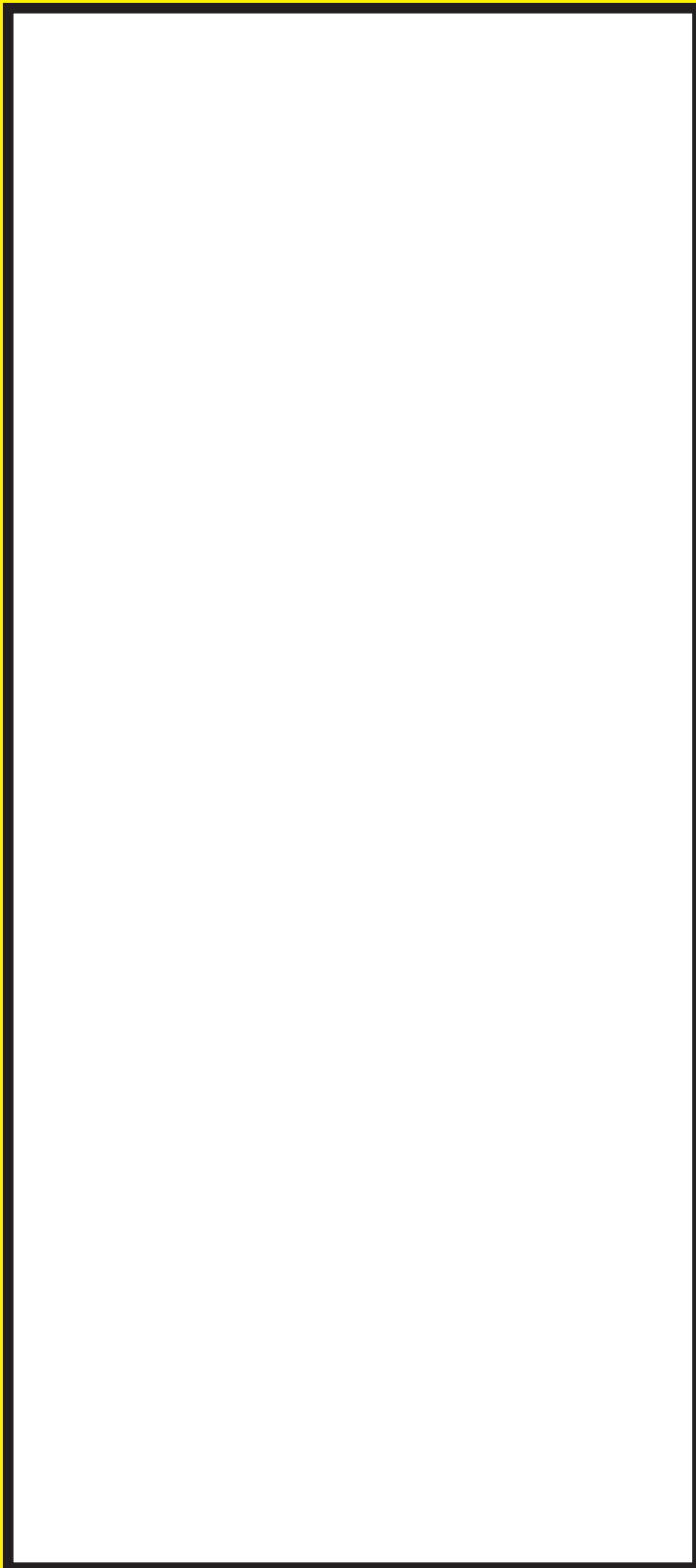
Using the information in table 1, label where the hostels are located in Northern Ireland.

## Location

Londonderry/Derry
Bangor
Lisburn
Belfast
Newry
Ballymena
Larne
Downpatrick
Coleraine



# Express Yourself



At this very moment, there are children the same age as you that are homeless in Northern Ireland.

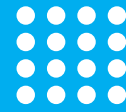
How do they feel?

Write a short poem - try to place yourself in their shoes and express how they might be feeling?



Art

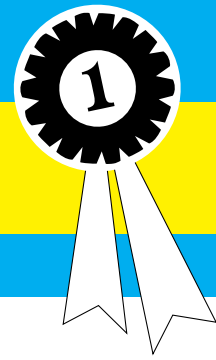
Simon Community Northern Ireland develop new resources every year for schools. We would like to invite you to design a postcard highlighting the work of the Simon Community and homelessness in Northern Ireland.



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# Competition

## Design a Postcard.



Transfer design onto an A4 sheet and post to:

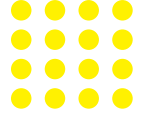
Education Unit  
Simon Community  
57 Fitzroy Avenue  
Belfast  
BT7 1HT

Don't forget to tell us your name, age and school address on your postcard.

A prize will be awarded annually to the best entrant.

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Internet



**1** Where did the Simon Community get its name?

The name originates from the Bible - Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus carry the cross. The idea behind the name is how one person can help another shoulder the burden during a difficult time.

**2** What year was the Simon Community set up in Northern Ireland?

1971

**3** What age groups do they help?

16 - 65 year olds

**4** What is the family hostel on the Falls Road in West Belfast called?

Conway Court

**5** What is the Belfast Foyer?

A special hostel for individuals aged 16 - 26. Those who get a place must be committed to training or employment.

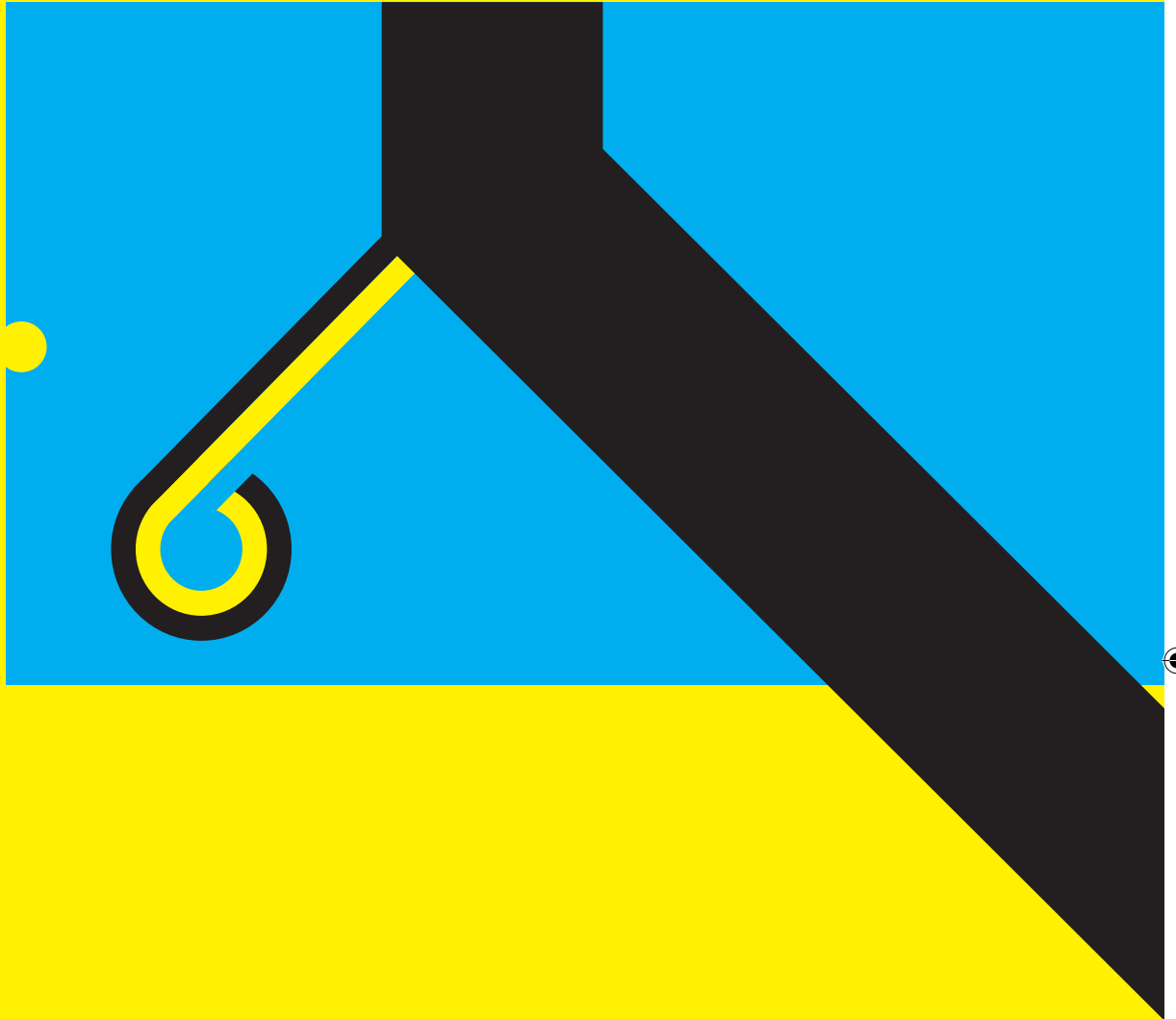
**6** What is the 'Outspoken' group?

A group of individuals who are or have been homeless. They do training courses together and help deliver awareness raising talks on homelessness.



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