

Our Home Town or City



Activity Guidance for Parents/Carers:

This activity is a project for the whole household (you can have as much input as you like). The idea is to spend time researching the town or city that your child lives in or is from originally, from historical facts to attractions for tourists. A large part of the activity requires your child to interview members of the household or speak to older members of the family who have lived in the town or city longer (this can be carried out over the phone or via another communication channel).

Step 1 requires your child to use the internet or the help of members of the household to find out the main facts about the town or city.

Step 2 is the interviewing section of the activity. Your child can interview you, members of your household or other relatives – this aspect is focused on memories of the town or city.

Step 3, the final step, is the creation of a leaflet about your child's home town or city. Included in the resource is a leaflet template that can be printed and folded, or alternatively you can use a piece of A4 paper and follow the folding guidance at the end of the activity. Encourage your child to follow the page content suggestions.

You can either to choose to print this activity and fill in the research boxes OR simply make notes on a piece of paper.



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Your home town or city might be the one you currently live in or you might have moved from somewhere else. Either way, it's important to know all about the place in which you call home.

Your task is to design and create a leaflet that tells people all about your home town or city. The purpose of the leaflet is to give information about the main attractions of the town and encourage people to visit. You are going to use the knowledge of the people in your household to help you. Maybe they have lived in your town or city for a long time and can help you with some history. Or maybe they know a lot about the area simply from their own research.

For this task you need to work together to create a leaflet jam-packed with exciting facts and information!

Step 1: Researching your home town or city



You could use information that you already know, use the internet or ask a family member. Try to work together during your research, you could give people in your household different questions to find the answers to.

The name of the town/city:

Where is the town/city (which area of the country)?:

What does your town/city have to offer?:

Important buildings or landmarks:

Famous historical facts:

How has the town/city changed over the last 50 years?:

What is the weather usually like?:

How would you describe the landscape in or around the town/city?:

Do you know any famous people from the town/city?:

Favourite restaurants or cafes:



Step 2: Interviewing your household

If you can, spend time interviewing the people that you live with to find out what they know about your home town/city. You could even ring other relatives and see what you can find out from them!



Questions to ask:

What was life like here when you were younger?:

What has changed the most?:

What is your favourite memory of the town/city?:

What is your favourite part of the town/city?:

Step 3: Creating your leaflet

On the following page you will find a leaflet template – this can be folded into shape once you have finished filling it in!



Below are a few suggestions of how you might want to set out your leaflet – but the choice is yours. Try to include some images as well, these can be printed or drawn.

You could decide who is working on each page – for example, is someone in charge of the drawings/pictures?

Page 1: The front cover

- The name of the town/city
- A picture that makes people want to go there (printed image or hand drawn)

Page 2: Facts about the town/city

- Only good facts that would make people interested
- Something that only your town/city can offer!
- A picture if you have space (optional)

Page 3: Important places to visit

- At least one important building
- Landmarks
- Places to see/visit
- A good picture of it (printed image or hand drawn)

Page 4: The history of the town/city and memories

- Your home town/city over the last 50 years
- Famous historical facts

Page 5: The landscape

- How would you describe the area around your town/city? For example, is it full of green hills or farmland?
- A picture (optional)

Page 6: Family quotes

- You might want to get a few quotes from your family members or members of your household and include these in your leaflet!

Inspiration!



