

LO: To know about problems  
that can occur when someone  
goes missing from home

Last year, 68,944 missing children reports were made to the police in England and Wales.

More males are reported missing than females, with missing incidents comprising 56% men and boys and 44% women and girls.

Discuss with your partner why you think that someone would want to run away from home.

There are lots of reasons why someone might run away from home.

- They may feel anxious or depressed about their lives.
- They might be abused by someone in their family
- Bereaved of a family member
- Addicted to drugs and alcohol
- They may feel worried or confused about their sexuality
- They may feel isolated and alone or bullied at school.
- They may run away to live with someone else.
- Trouble with a boyfriend/girlfriend.
- They are pregnant.

What risks could occur if someone runs away without telling anyone?

- They could be abused or assaulted.
- They could be homeless and living on the streets.
- They could turn to drugs and alcohol and develop an addiction.
- They could become ill and lose weight.
- They would not have an education or career aspects.
- They could feel even more isolated and alone.

## CHLOE IS 13.

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*What advice could you give to Chloe so that she doesn't run away?*

Dear Chloe,

I am extremely sorry to hear about the loss of your dad and how your mum is now really struggling. I'd like to give you some advice to hopefully help you.....

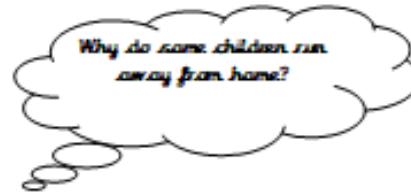


- Chloe could speak to an adult at school.
- Chloe could get in contact with childline or a children's charity like Railway Children.
- Chloe could speak to her friends.
- Chloe should stop hanging around with bad influences.
- Chloe could join a sports or social club to make new friends.

# Main Task

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Create a brainstorm of ideas of reasons why some children might run away from home.



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