

HomeTalk

Thoughtful Conversations for Families
and Schools

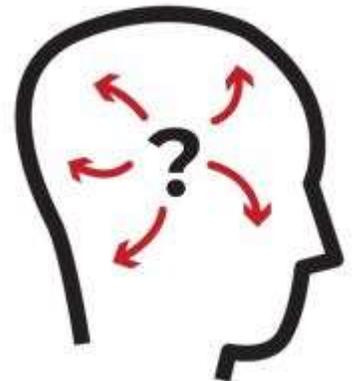
Issue 22 - Journeys



Note to parents/carers and teachers

This pack contains links to external websites. Whilst we take every care to make sure these are suitable, you may want to check the content before showing them to children

Thinking
Moves



This week's focus is journeys

Journey - noun (plural **journeys**):

- an act of travelling from one place to another;
- a long and often difficult process of personal change and development.

Life is a journey that must be traveled no matter how bad the roads and accommodations.



Oliver Goldsmith – novelist, playwright and poet

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_Goldsmith

Life is just a journey.



Diana, Princess of Wales

The main thing that you have to remember on this journey is, just be nice to everyone and always smile.



Ed Sheeran – singer/songwriter

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ed_Sheeran

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Caring thinking

- What should we care most for – the journey or the destination?

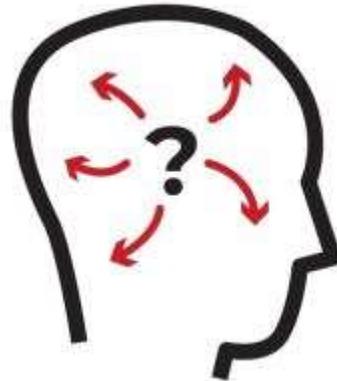


Collaborative thinking

- Ask someone in your family or school what their favourite journey was, then tell them yours.

Creative thinking

- Can we turn a daily journey into something more interesting and exciting?



Thinking Moves

Critical thinking

- Is there a difference between a journey and a trip/outing?



Think AHEAD

Where will your next journey take you?



Think BACK

What is the longest journey you've been on?



CONNECT

Think of two recent journeys. How do they compare?



DIVIDE

Make a list of all your journeys you would say were fun.



LISTEN/LOOK

Listen for the sounds on your next journey.



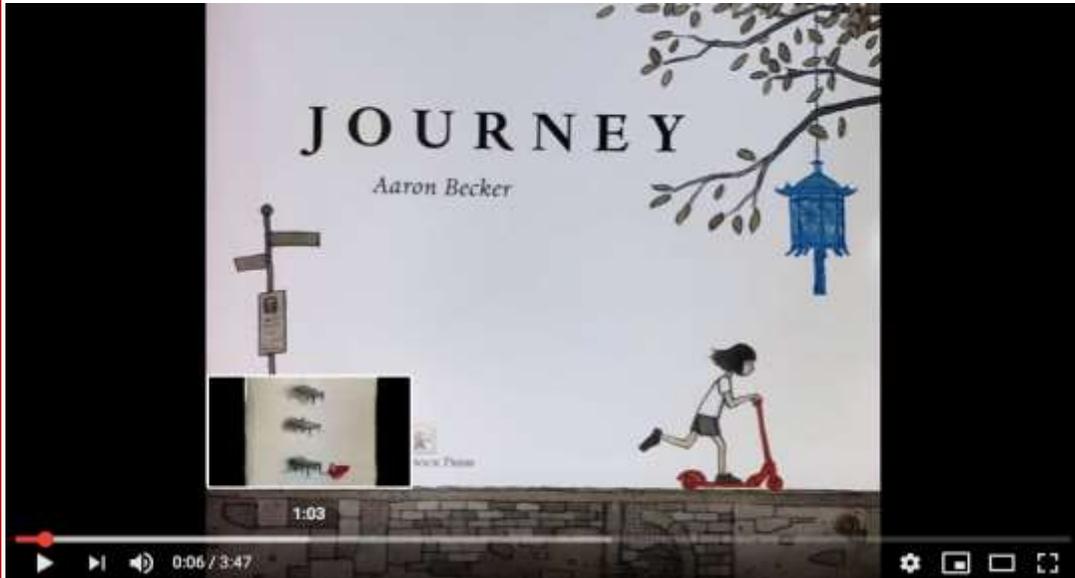
ZOOM (in/out)

ZOOM in on one sound - what is it?

ZOOM out - was it a noisy journey?

HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For ages 3 – 5 years



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWqhNpjvcSs>

Journey – Aaron Becker.

Join a lonely young girl on her spectacular journey and see the wonders she meets and the dangers she faces.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Journey-Aaron-Beckers-Wordless-Trilogy/dp/0763660531>

Talking Points

- ZOOM in on your favourite page of the book. Why do you like it?
- If you could draw a door like the girl did, what would you like to be on the other side?
- If you close your eyes, can you go on your own journey?

Activity

- Draw and colour, or paint, all your favourite things and places on a piece of paper.
- Go for a walk with your fingers on your paper. Which would you visit first?
- Take someone in your family with you on your journey and tell them about it as you go.

HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For ages 6 – 9 years



<https://theirworld.org/news/most-dangerous-journeys-to-school-in-world>

A range from around the world of quite unbelievable journeys that children take to get to school.

Talking Points

- LOOK at the images – what do you think the age range is of the children shown?
- Why do you think the children go to such lengths to get to school?
- Is your education like a journey?

Activity

- Starting at the beginning of your journey to school, think BACK and draw everything you can remember that you pass on the way.
- When you next go to school, take your piece of paper with you and see how much you got right!
- Does your journey CONNECT with any in the article?

HomeTalk discussion suggestions

For age 10+ years



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a13UB_p3N7c

A National Geographic short film that details the physical and emotional challenges of a journey to Mars.

Talking Points

- Given the challenges of such a journey, would you volunteer to go?
- One of the presenters says it is a form of human sacrifice, not a pointless one but in the service of something much greater. What do you think she meant?
- Is this a journey worth taking?

Activity

- Make a list of all the 'personal journeys' you've taken.
- Which was the most difficult for you?
- Do you have a personal journey you'd like to take but haven't started yet?

HomeTalk discussion suggestions

Personal journeys

- We've looked at different kinds of journeys in this edition of HomeTalk
- Some people are on a journey to recovery from 'long Covid' but there are many other difficulties and challenges that people face
- Think AHEAD and BACK are two Thinking Moves that help you on any of your own personal journeys. Think BACK to where you were and think AHEAD to where you want to be.
- Take a look at the documentary clip in this video. How many different types of journey do you think the black jockeys faced?
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQgwG89OI0w>

...and a fun journey game

- On your next journey with your family, try to be the first one to spot a mini, or a yellow car, or a soft-top car. This is how to score:
- A mini: 1 point
- A yellow car 1 point
- A soft-top 1 point
- A yellow mini 3 points
- A yellow soft top 3 points
- A mini soft-top 3 points
- A yellow mini soft-top 5 points
- Keep score to find the winner!

More ideas.....

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