Needs v. Wants

Aims: To explore the concept that home is affordable & challenges people face with the cost of living

Task: Write, draw or cut and paste different items and decide whether they are a want (essential expense), a need (a desired expense) or a bit of both.

Suggestions include: Rent, electricity, water, petrol for car, WiFi, food shopping, takeaways, vet fees, mobile phone, TV subscriptions, medication, clothing, toiletries, household cleaning products, clubs and memberships, school uniform, holidays, etc

Discussion: Which items could you do without for a month? Which could you do without for a year? Which items would it be hard to look for work if you did not have? If you had to move one need to the wants, which would you chose and why? Why do you think people find it hard to pay housing costs? See "Would You Rather...?" activity sheet

