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| **LESSON THREE – Housing Type and Condition**Jess (34) and Thomas (37) live with their twin boys (15 months) in a flat in Govan. They rent the one bedroom flat from a private landlord. Their monthly rent is £450. Jess is training to be a nurse and Thomas is a delivery driver for a courier company. Their flat is on the 9th floor in a high rise development which is 15 stories high. The flats were built in the 1960s and although they have had some refurbishment recently there are a number of problems. The lifts are often broken in the development which means they have to carry the twins up and down the stairs. There is no storage for their twin buggy. Shopping has to be carried up the stairs too. The flat is single glazed and there is damp in the bedroom. Jess worries that the damp might lead to health issues for the twins. The cost of heating means they often run out of money for electricity and gas towards the end of the month. This is especially bad in the winter. As a result they are in debt to their energy supplier. When Jess and Thomas report faults to their landlord they often have to wait months for repairs. Their washing machine has been broken for 6 weeks.  | **LESSON THREE – Geographical Location**Theresa (15) lives in a remote community. Her schools is over 40 miles from the village where her family lives so she stays in a school hostel from Monday to Friday. Her school is a centre of excellence for dance and has a rich sporting history. Theresa gets on well with her classmates and loves lots of different types of music. She would love to go to concerts and experience more live music but there is not much happening where she lives. She uses social media to interact with people in other parts of the world. After school on a Friday Theresa gets the bus back home. This takes about 90 minutes. When she arrives home Theresa loves to spend time on the beach at the bottom of her garden with her younger brothers. This is her favourite place in the world. Tourists come from all over the world to see the stunning sunsets and Northern Lights. On a Saturday she visits her Grandparents and spends time taking photos of wildlife for her Art Portfolio. On a Monday morning she has to leave home at 6-30am. Theresa meets up with her friends at the hostel at 8am for breakfast before walking to school. On week nights Theresa loves to watch films on her laptop with her roommate and talk to her family on Face Time. Theresa is hoping to be a senior hostel monitor in S5 so that she can help the new S1 pupils adjust to living in the hostel.  |
| **LESSON THREE – Living Environment**Mr Taylor loves spending time outdoors. He lives next to Queens Park in Glasgow. The park is one of a number of Glasgow’s award winning public spaces. The word Glasgow means ‘Dear Green Place’ as it has more green and open space than most other cities in the UK. Mr Taylor spends a lot of time in the park walking his dog, Buzz. Their favourite place to walk is the woodland trail where Buzz loves to chase squirrels and Mr Taylor tries to stop him. All the other dog walkers are very sociable and stop to talk to one another. There are lots of cafes in Shawlands near the park that are dog friendly. Shawlands is great for running. It is less than one mile to Pollok Park where Glasgow’s oldest and biggest parkrun 5k run takes place every Saturday morning. Mr Taylor meets friends at parkrun and trains with his club, Bellahouston Harriers, on a Tuesday and Thursday night in Pollok Park.  | **LESSON THREE – Constant Stressors**Zack and Nikki live in a tenement flat. They have lived there for 4 years. They saved up for two years to afford the deposit on their first house. They have great neighbours across the landing who they get on well with. Nikki works as a police officer. She works four day shifts with three days off followed by four night shifts. Zack works from home. He works for an American Company so has to work in the evening and at weekends. On weeknights the pub has live music and at the weekend is open until 2am. When the pub closes people hang about on the street waiting for taxis. The noise makes it difficult for residents of the flat to sleep. In the morning the entrance to their flat is often covered with rubbish. They have found empty bottles and cans in their front garden and had several items stolen from it. They have contacted the police, local council and spoken to the landlord of the pub on many occasions over the last four years but nothing seems to have improved.  |