SECURITY

This resource was developed in association with the Rethinking Security Group
TODAY’S BIG QUESTION: What is security?

BASIC IDEA: Security means freedom from harm and fear. When there is a lot of harm and fear, there is insecurity.
“Freedom from harm and fear”

DISCUSS:
What does security mean to you?
What makes you feel secure?
What makes you feel insecure?
INVESTIGATION

You will be shown some different situations – you need to decide:

Is there security?

Why? Why not?
You are a child living in Yemen. There has been a war in Yemen since 2015. More than 3,500 children have been killed or injured in the fighting.
You are a farmer in Kenya. There has been no rain for the last 6 months. Climate change is making the weather conditions worse and worse as the years go by.

The remains of an animal in a dried up river bed, in drought-hit northern Kenya
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You are being picked on, bullied or hurt at school because of your religion.
You have recently lost your job and have £30 left in your bank account. You need to pay rent and bills (£400) for the month and it is already a week late.
CAUSES OF INSECURITY

DISCUSS: What made these people insecure?

Poverty - lack of money and resources.
Inequality – when some people have less money, resources or power than others.

Discrimination (i.e. racism/sexism/homophobia) or not having basic human rights

War – violent conflict
A damaged planet – climate change and harm done to the earth.

Any other ideas?
TACKLING INSECURITY

DISCUSS: What is the opposite of these?

**Poverty** - lack of money and resources.

**Inequality** – having less money, resources or power compared to someone else.

**War** – violent conflict

**Discrimination** (i.e. racism/sexism/homophobia) or not having basic human rights

**A damaged planet** – climate change and harm done to the earth.
Poverty and Inequality.

Today two billion people across the world live on $2 or less every day.

At the same time, the richest 1% of all people now have more money than the rest of the world put together.

Poverty and inequality can lead to conflict, violence and war.
SECURITY MEANS...

Everyone having enough to live on without struggling. Everyone having enough food, water, access to health care and education.

Working towards this goal would help make the world more secure.
INSECURITY MEANS...

War

Today there are many wars happening around the world. Distrust or disagreement between countries or groups of people can lead to war, which causes death and destruction.
Ending war and violence, building trust and better relationships between countries and different groups of people.

Having less weapons in the world and helping people find peaceful solutions to their disagreements. Working towards this goal helps to build security.
INSECURITY MEANS...

A damaged planet. Today many of the earth’s resources have been used too much or destroyed.

Climate change is causing dangerous weather and changes in nature. This is forcing people to leave their homes and to compete more with one another for the things they need to live.
SECURITY MEANS...

Protecting the earth from climate change and destruction

Working together to come up with ideas and answers to help nature and the environment, and to help those who are suffering most because of the damage we have done to the world. Doing this helps to build security.
INSECURITY MEANS...

Discrimination, and not having basic human rights.

Today many people in the world are discriminated against, and don’t have basic human rights (such as being able to vote in elections, or being paid for their work).
Ending discrimination, treating everybody equally and giving them the same rights.

Working towards this goal helps build security.
CREATING SECURITY

DISCUSS: Which of these areas do you think is the most important to solve? Why?

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WE HAVE TO TACKLE ALL OF THEM IN ORDER TO BUILD SECURITY!
CHALLENGE!

You are in charge of dividing up some money to try and build security. You have £10 million – how much will you give to each? Why?
To feel secure, we all need to be able to meet our basic needs: for food, water, housing, health and safety.

Many people in the UK and across the world face insecurity in different ways.

Many people in the world today face war, discrimination or the dangerous effects of climate change. We can build security by working to tackle these problems.

Our sense of security can be affected by our neighbourhood, country or what is going on in the rest of the world.

Tell the person next to you: What is the main thing you learned today?
COMPETITION!

• If you are 10-18 and interested in this topic you can enter a national competition called OUR SECURITY.

• For this competition you need to share your thoughts on what our world needs to be more secure, by sending in a poem, writing, poster, art or something else.

• Your teacher can give you a handout to explain how to enter.