

Film UK: Until my Heart's, Like, Finished – exercises

There are over 75,000 homeless young people in the UK who have nowhere to live. A YMCA is a safe place for these young people to live and the people who work there help them to improve their lives. In this video some young people living at a YMCA talk about why they are homeless and their plans and hopes for the future.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the film and do the exercises below to check your understanding. You can read the transcript at any time.


Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–j next to the numbers 1–10.

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| 1..... to end up in a place | a. the way that you are treated and educated (usually by your parents) when you're growing up |
| 2..... to kick someone out of home | b. to feel tired all the time |
| 3..... GCSEs | c. to be unable to deal with a situation |
| 4..... upbringing | d. to finally be in a place or a situation |
| 5..... to turn out like someone | e. to find a solution to your problems and feel better about the situation |
| 6..... to be run down | f. exams taken by 16-year-old students in the UK (General Certificate of Secondary Education) |
| 7..... to not be able to cope | g. to take action in order to solve a problem |
| 8..... to sort yourself out | h. to become similar to someone else |
| 9..... to get back into something | i. to force someone to leave home |
| 10..... to deal with something | j. to do something again that you used to be interested in |

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1. Check your understanding: reordering

Write a number (1-4) to put these sentences in order.

.....	How they deal with their problems.
.....	When they became homeless.
.....	Their plans for the future.
.....	Problems they had before they became homeless.

Watch the first five minutes of the film and do this exercise to check your understanding. All the events are talked about in the first five minutes.

2. Check your understanding: grouping

Write the words in the correct group.

a. used to live by the canal in a tent	b. used to live in a car	c. used to look after their brothers and sisters	d. used to live in a caravan	e. had a violent stepfather
f. believes that their mother was too young to have children	g. had problems with alcohol	h. left home at sixteen	i. has a son	j. became homeless at age fourteen

Girls' comments	Boys' comments