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Keeper Conversations: A Gathering of Community Voices

Understanding Housing Policies, Grade 6

Everyone deserves a safe and healthy place to live. Housing policies can help make that possible. Let's consider what policies can help protect people and make sure their homes are safe.



Part 1: Housing Policies

Housing policies are rules and responsibilities that help keep homes safe and healthy. In your own words, describe what you think a **housing policy** is and provide an example.

A housing policy is...	
An example is...	

Part 2: Matching Responsibilities to Their Purpose

Below is a list of responsibilities that could be part of a housing policy. Match each responsibility with its purpose.

Responsibility

Purpose

Keeping doorways and hallways in your home clear.

Cleaning your water tank twice a year.

Not discriminating when renting, buying, or selling a home.

Reporting problems, like mould or a leak.

• Everyone deserves water that is safe to use and drink.

• Makes sure people are treated fairly when looking for a home.

• Makes sure emergency responders can move around your home if needed.

• Helps the home stay healthy and clean.



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Part 3: Creating a Community Housing Policy

Work with a partner to find a housing problem or need in your community. Then, follow the steps below to create a policy that solves or improves the problem.

Step 1: Community Voices

Ask people in your community what housing problems or needs they've experienced or seen.



Who I asked:
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What seems to be the most common problem people in your community are facing? Why do you think that is?

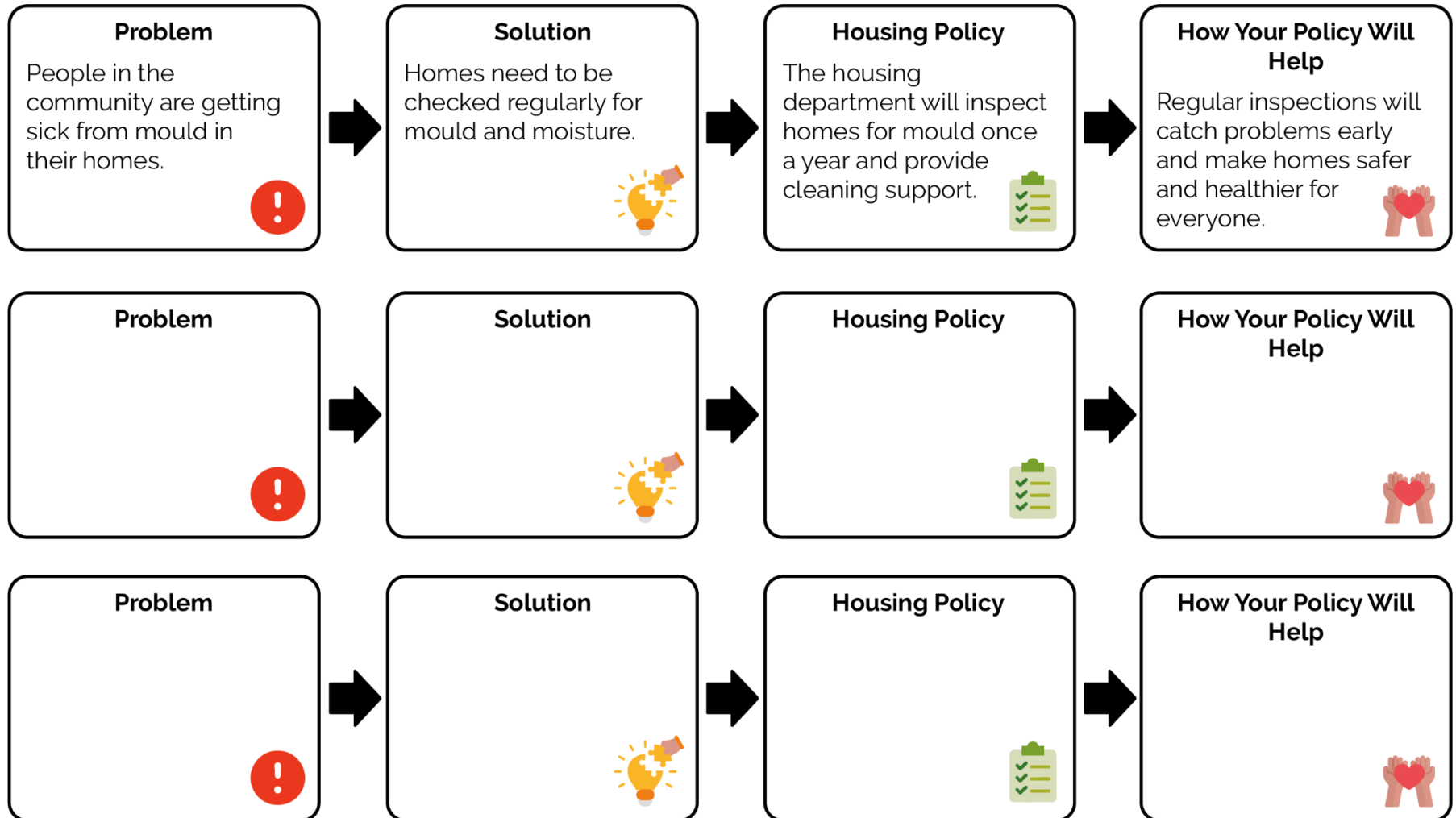


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Step 2: Creating A Policy

Choose 2 of the problems you found in the previous step and brainstorm a policy that will help solve or improve them. Read through the example to get started.





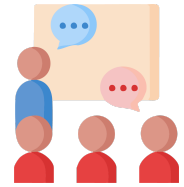
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Step 3: Sharing Your Policies

An important step in creating a policy is receiving support for it. Share your ideas and let others share theirs.

As you listen, use the space below to write down others' policies you think would be helpful in your community.



Choose 1 policy you thought was a good idea, and answer the following questions:

1. Why do you think this policy would be helpful?

2. Would this policy be fair and helpful to everyone in your community?
