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Keeper Conversations: A Gathering of Community Voices

Community Housing Needs, Grade 11

Introduction

Community consultation is important. It helps us understand people's needs, wants, and concerns. In this activity, you'll draft and conduct a survey to find out about and advocate for your community's housing needs.

Housing Needs Survey Questions

In a survey, **how** you ask a question is as important as what you're asking about. Read about 4 common types of survey questions below.

Types of Survey Questions

- **Close-ended questions:** Used to gather factual information. Answers offer limited options, such as "yes/no," "agree/disagree," multiple-choice.
- **Open-ended questions:** Used to encourage respondents to share openly, without limitations. Answers are unrestricted and can include lots of detail. For example: "How do you feel about your current housing?"
- **Likert scale questions:** Used to understand attitudes, feelings, or opinions. Answers present a set of options that reflect a scale, such as strongly agree/agree/disagree/strongly disagree.
- **Ranking questions:** Used to understand preferences or importance. Answers are fixed, but can be put in order. For example: "Rank these from most to least important."





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Sample Housing Survey Questions

Write whether each question is **close-ended**, **open-ended**, **Likert scale**, or **ranking**.

1. Do you rent or own? rent own _____
2. Rank these from most to least preferred.
 bungalow multi-story house apartment _____
3. Overall, how do you feel about your current housing situation?
 very satisfied satisfied dissatisfied very dissatisfied _____
4. What changes do you hope to see during this project? _____

Check out more sample questions at <https://lbrd.ca/fnhpa-housing-assessment>

3 Types of Homes

Before drafting your survey, read about 3 types of homes to get an idea of how each type could address community needs.



- 1. Rental Homes:** These homes are great for families who aren't ready to buy a house or have a limited budget. They help the community because
 - they give people a place to live without saving for a big down payment,
 - families can move more easily as their needs change,
 - they provide housing for people who need short-term accommodation.
- 2. Owned Modular Homes:** People can buy and own these homes. They help the community because
 - they're cheaper and faster to build than traditional houses,
 - families can have their own space and build long-term roots in the community,
 - people can customize them to fit their needs.



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3. Shared Elder and Youth Buildings: This is a creative housing idea where Elders and youth live in separate apartments but share some common areas. They help the community because

- they keep Elders close to family and support,
- they give young people affordable housing options,
- they create a space where different generations can learn from each other,
- they help save money by sharing resources and space.

Housing Needs Survey



Your community's Housing Department just started a new Junior Builders program. As a Junior Builder, part of your job is to conduct a survey to help determine your community's housing needs.

1. Draft your survey using the organizer on page 4. What question(s) can you ask, and how can you ask them?
2. Refine your survey by doing the following:
 - Choose the questions that best address housing needs.
 - Use a mix of the 4 question types.
 - Make sure each question is clear and easy to understand.
 - Organize your survey using the order in the organizer.
3. Write a good copy using a computer or a separate piece of paper.
4. Conduct your survey!



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Survey Organizer (Draft)

Introduction (Explain the purpose of the survey and that responses will be confidential):	
Survey Section	Survey Question Ideas (2–3 questions per section)
Demographic info (e.g., age, gender, education, employment, family composition, where they live)	
How much new housing is needed	
Sizes and types of houses needed	
Where new houses can be built	
Changes, improvements, or maintenance needs for current and future housing	



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Survey Review and Summary

After you've given your survey and received responses, review and summarize the results.



- Review each question one at a time.
- For each question, highlight repeat responses.
- Summarize the results of each question.

On a separate piece of paper, answer this question: Based on the survey responses, what housing developments are most needed?

Advocate for Change

Follow the steps below to create a **letter**, **blog post**, or **video** advocating for changes that address the housing needs of your community.



- Introduce your housing needs survey.** Include how you developed the questions and what you learned from the process.
- Provide a written or visual summary of your survey findings.**
Hint: Use a free online design tool like canva.com to create infographics, graphs, icons, or animations that help explain what you found.
- End with a call to action.** Suggest ways people can provide support and advocate for these housing needs (e.g., create and share social media posts that include the survey findings to spread awareness).