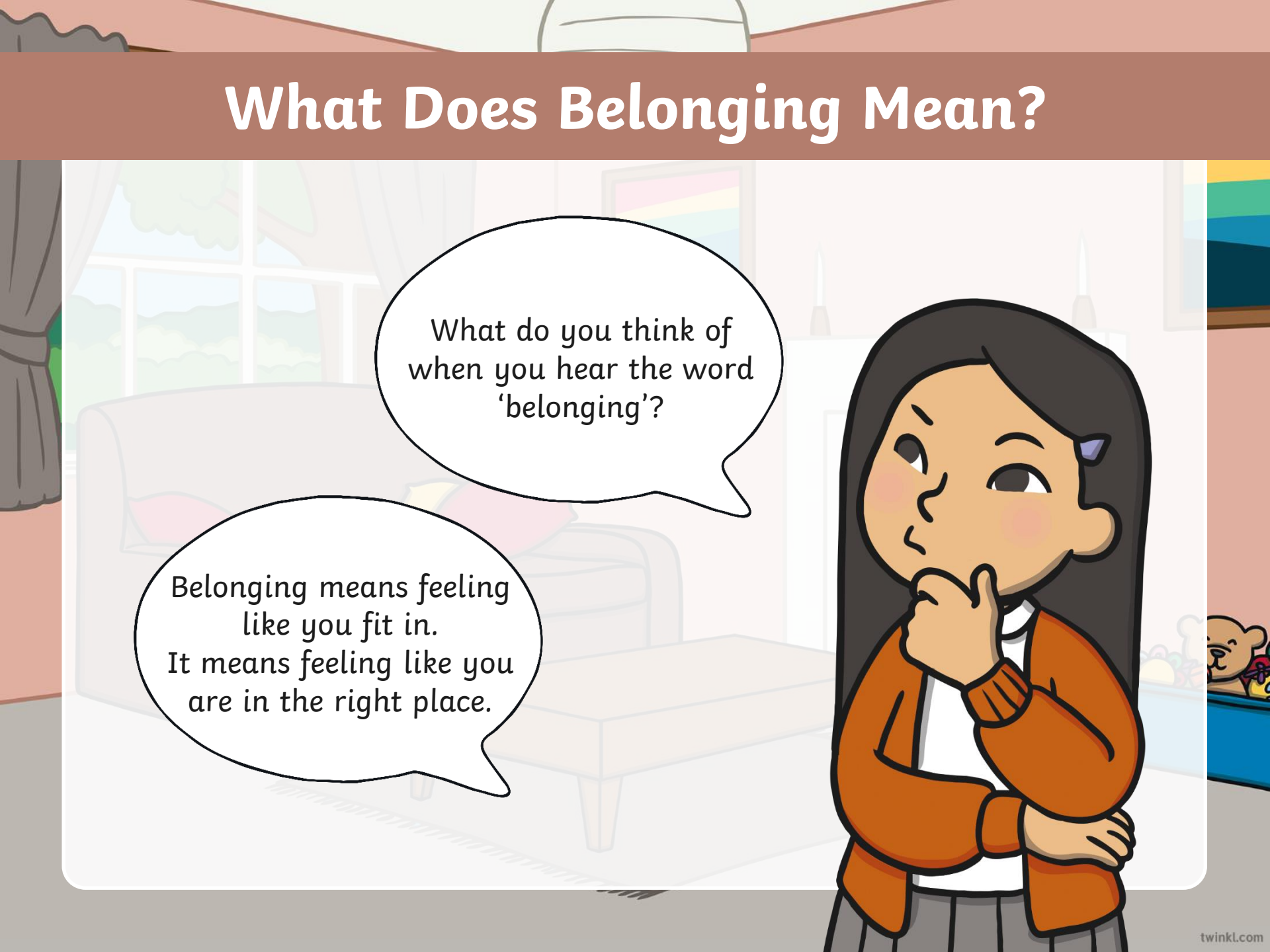


# Belonging



# What Does Belonging Mean?



What do you think of  
when you hear the word  
'belonging'?

Belonging means feeling  
like you fit in.  
It means feeling like you  
are in the right place.

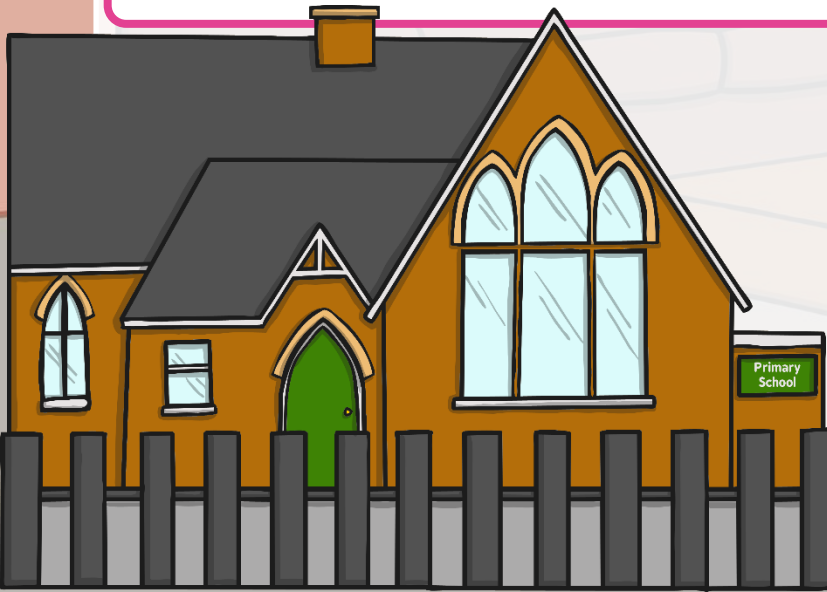
# Belonging to a School

You all belong to your school.  
How do you **show** that you belong?

- You show you belong by going to school every day.
- You can show you belong by following the school rules.
- Wearing a school uniform is a way to show you belong.

What helps you **feel** that you belong at school? Below are some ideas.

- Your teacher involves you in discussions.
- Other children play games with you or help you.
- Someone might smile at you and ask you how you are.





# Belonging to a Group

Many people belong to groups, such as Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers.

At clubs like these, children wear a special uniform to show that they belong.

Sometimes, when people join one of these groups, they make a special promise. Often, this will include a promise to help and respect people. The promise is said at a special event which celebrates that a person now belongs to the group.

## Think About It

Do you belong to a group like this? Why do you like going? What do you do while you are at your group?



# Sports Clubs

Some people belong to a sports club. These could include football clubs, martial arts clubs, netball teams, swimming clubs and many others.

Sports clubs are a great way to be healthy and active. They are a good chance to show teamwork.

Sometimes people in a sports club wear kits or special clothes and have special equipment which shows that they belong.

Teammates might say, "Well done!" or cheer when someone in the club does something well. This can make others feel like they belong.



**Do you belong to a sports club?**

# Places

People belong to places. This could be a town, city or country. People who are from the same place often feel like they belong because of the language they speak, the food they eat or the clothes they wear.

Sometimes, people might feel like they belong to more than one place. For example, a person might have been born in one place but now live somewhere else.



## Think About It

What makes you feel like you belong to a place?

# Religions

A religion is where people believe in the same things. Often, they worship a god (or sometimes lots of gods). There are many different religions, including Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Buddhism.



## Think About It

Do you know anyone who belongs to a religion?

Do you belong to a religion?

If so, how do you **show** you belong?

What makes you **feel** like you belong?

# Religions

People who follow a religion might **show** that they belong in different ways.

- They might go to a place of worship on a special day each week. Examples of places of worship include synagogues, temples and gurdwaras.
- People might wear special clothing or jewellery. These could include hijabs, kippahs and karas.
- Special days and festivals are an important way that people from religions show that they belong. Examples of festivals are Vaisakhi, Diwali and Easter.





# Religions

Religions can help people **feel** that they belong in different ways.

- They might share a conversation with others at their place of worship.
- They might share gifts with friends or family during festivals.
- They might feel listened to or cared about by the people who worship with them or by the god they worship.



# Think About It

Think about all the groups you belong to.

- How do you feel that you belong to these groups?
- Why do you belong to these groups?
- Are there any groups you would like to belong to? Why?

