

# The Bridge Home Teaching Activities



## Instructions:

On the following pages are fact cards about several topics found in the novel *The Bridge Home*. Some of these statements are TRUE while others are FALSE. Below is a list of activities that can be done with these cards.



### 1) Learning Center or Class Activity

An answer recording sheet and numbered facts make this perfect for a learning center or classroom activity.

- **Center** – Print the cards, each set on a different color to keep sets from getting mixed up. Laminate for repeated use. Cut the facts apart. Duplicate the answer recording sheet. Students go through the cards writing T or F on their answer recording sheet.
- **Individual/Small Group** – Prepare the cards the same as with the center. Optional – Don't cut the card apart to prevent cards from becoming lost. Provide each group with one copy of each set. Students work on one set individually recording the T/F answers on the recording sheet. Once the set of statements is finished, students rotate the statements to a different member of their group until all True/False statements have been completed.
- **Whole Class** – Duplicate the answer recording sheet, one for each student. Place the True/False statements on a projector such as a SmartBoard for the class to see. Students individually record their answers.

### 2) Games

- **Sticky Ball or Fly Swatter** - Draw a target such as a T-Chart labeled True and False on the board. Divide the class into two teams. Teams line up. The first person in each line is provided a sticky ball. Teams rotate so everyone gets a turn. The teacher reads a statement. The first team to correctly hit the correct location on the target with his/her sticky ball earns a point for his/her team. (Use these same instructions but play with fly swatters in place of the sticky balls.)
- **Stand Up/Sit Down** – Students stand up if a statement read is true or sit down if a statement read is false.

# Recycling

1) You can recycle paper, plastic, glass, metal, textiles, batteries, electronic equipment, and food.

2) An average person throws away 10 pounds of trash every day.

3) 100% of our trash can be recycled.

4) Recycling 1 ton of paper can save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,000 kilowatts of electricity. The energy that you save can power 1 home for 5 months.

5) The average family uses 2 trees worth of paper each year.

6) 21.5 thousand tons of food is wasted each year.

7) If every American recycled 10% of the newspapers they buy, we can save 25 million trees every year!

8) Recycling 1 aluminum can saves enough energy to run a computer for 3 hours.

9) Paper products make up approximately 40 percent of our trash.

10) Polystyrene is recyclable. Each year, Americans throw away 25 trillion Styrofoam cups.

11) Only 1 percent of the world's water supply is usable; 97 percent is in the ocean and 2 percent is frozen.

12) Americans use about 4 million plastic bottles every day.

# Teenage Runaways

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| 1) In 2019, 11% of homeless youth were between the ages of 18-24 and the remaining 89% were under 18 years old. | 2) Young people experiencing homelessness are more likely than their peers to be affected by substance use disorders and mental health issues. | 3) Half of the caretakers of the runaways did not know where the runaway was for at least 30 days. |
| 4) 72% of homeless youth sleep on the streets or in shelters and couch surf.                                    | 5) Being in the foster care system is not a factor in running away.  | 6) Education level and household income are highly related to homelessness risk.                   |
| 7) 79% of homeless youth report experiencing multiple instances of childhood abuse.                             | 8) 1 out of every 2 teenage runaways report that their parents told them to leave or knew they were leaving and just didn't care.              | 9) 1 million teens run away every year.  |
| 10) Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) leads to increased levels of homelessness among youth.      | 11) 47% of teens that run away indicate that a conflict with their primary parent or guardian was the major reason why they left.              | 12) 1 in every 5 Americans is homeless.  |

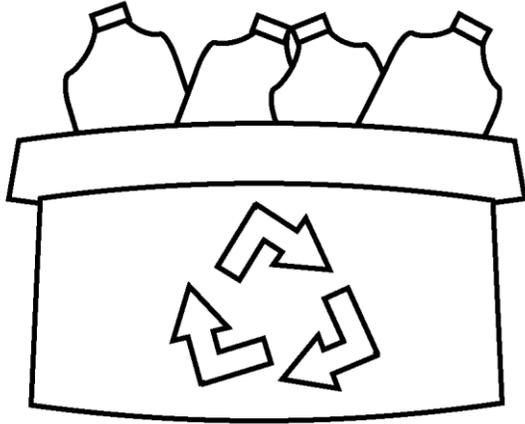
# India

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| <p>1) About 1.2 billion people live in India compared to approximately 3 million people living in the United States.</p>                                 | <p>2) English is the main language in India, but most people speak Hindi as well.</p>  | <p>3) The currency in India is the rupee.</p>  |
| <p>4) India has no official religion. Most people in India today follow Christianity or Islam. Other popular religions include Buddhism and Sikhism.</p> | <p>5) Pigs are seen as sacred in India and must not be harmed. – nobody eats pork. Pigs are allowed to go where they want.</p> | <p>6) The highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in India. Leopards, penguins, and tigers live in the Himalayas.</p> |
| <p>7) Many women in India wear saris, which are long pieces of cloth draped around the waist and shoulders – like a dress.</p>                           | <p>8) The monsoon season in India runs from February to April.</p>   | <p>9) Children in India begin school in April or June.</p>   |
| <p>10) Castes are social classes in India. People who do not belong to any caste are called 'untouchables'.</p>  | <p>11) Rudyard Kipling, author of <i>The Jungle Book</i>, lived in India when he was a child.</p>                              | <p>12) Archeologists have found evidence of human activity in India as far back as 1 million years ago.</p>                    |

# Answer Recording Sheet

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## Recycling



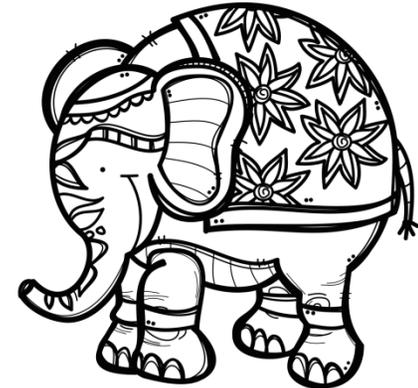
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## Teenage Runaways



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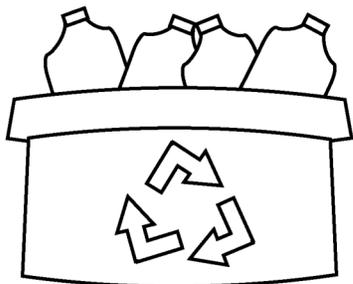


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# Answer Recording Sheet (Answer Key)

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## Recycling



- 1) True
- 2) False - An average person throws away 4 pounds of trash every day.
- 3) False - 75% of our trash can be recycled.
- 4) True
- 5) False - The average family uses 6 trees worth of paper each year.
- 6) False - 21.5 million tons of food is wasted each year.
- 7) True
- 8) True
- 9) True
- 10) False - Polystyrene is not recyclable. Each year, Americans throw away 25 trillion Styrofoam cups.
- 11) True
- 12) True

## Teenage Runaways



- 1) False - In 2019, 89% of homeless youth were between the ages of 18-24 and the remaining 11% were under 18 years old.
- 2) True
- 3) False - Less than 1% of the caretakers of the runaways did not know where the runaway was for at least 30 days
- 4) True
- 5) False - Being in the foster care system makes a youth more likely to run away.
- 6) True
- 7) True
- 8) True
- 9) False - Up to 2.8 million teens run away every year.
- 10) True
- 11) True
- 12) False - 1 in every 588 Americans is homeless.

## India



- 1) True
- 2) False - Hindi is the main language in India; however, most people speak English as well.
- 3) True
- 4) False - India has no official religion. Most people in India today follow Hinduism or Islam. Other popular religions include Buddhism, Christianity, and Sikhism.
- 5) False - Cows are seen as sacred in India and must not be harmed. - nobody eats beef. Cows are allowed to go where they want.
- 6) False - The highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in India. Leopards, (rhinoceros, red panda, etc.) , and tigers live in the Himalayas.
- 7) True
- 8) False - The monsoon season in India runs from July to September.
- 9) True
- 10) True
- 11) True
- 12) False - Archeologists have found evidence of human activity in India as far back as 75,000 years ago.

# Check out [The Bridge Home Novel Study](#) here.

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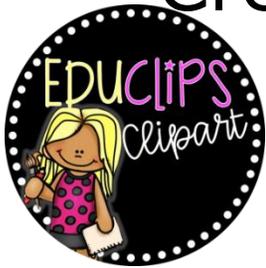


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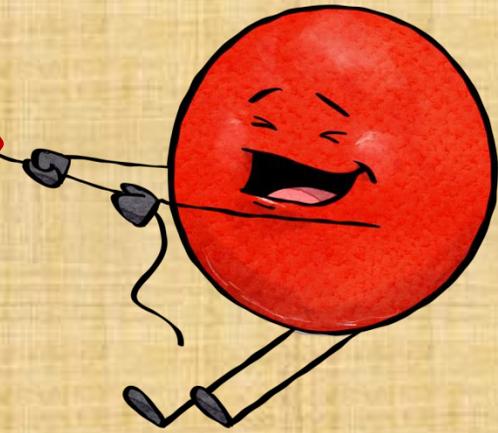
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