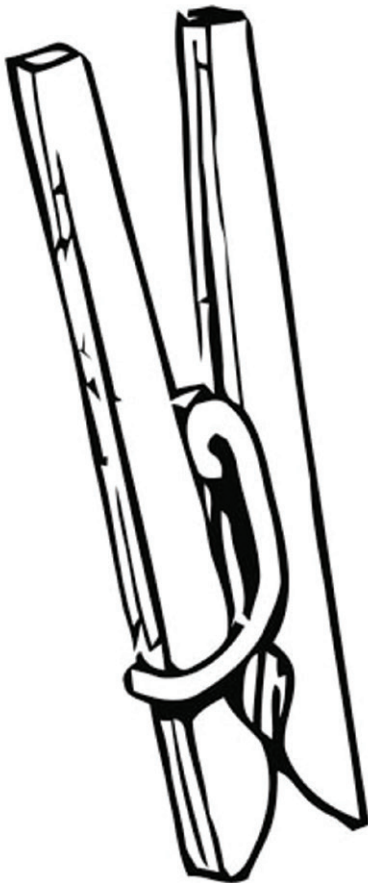


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Activity 1a



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Activity 1b

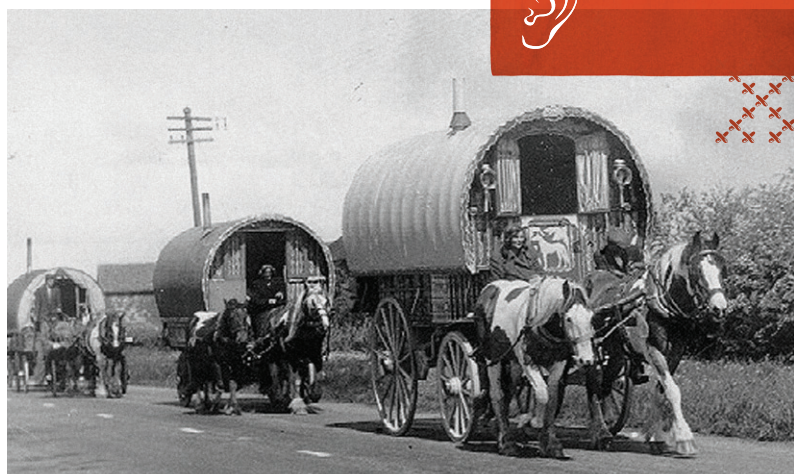


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Activity 2a

Who are Travellers?

The recordings that you are about to hear feature different Travellers talking about their identity: who they are and what makes them Travellers. These questions explore the theme of Traveller identity. When you respond these questions, remember to explain your answer. ('Settled community' means people who are not Travellers.)



1. **Do the people speaking** seem to use one word or term (for example 'Gypsy' or 'Traveller') to describe themselves more than another?

2. **What do these people** think is the most important way to determine if someone is a Traveller?

3. **Do Traveller people** see themselves as very different from the settled community?

4. **What term** do Travellers use to describe members of the settled community?

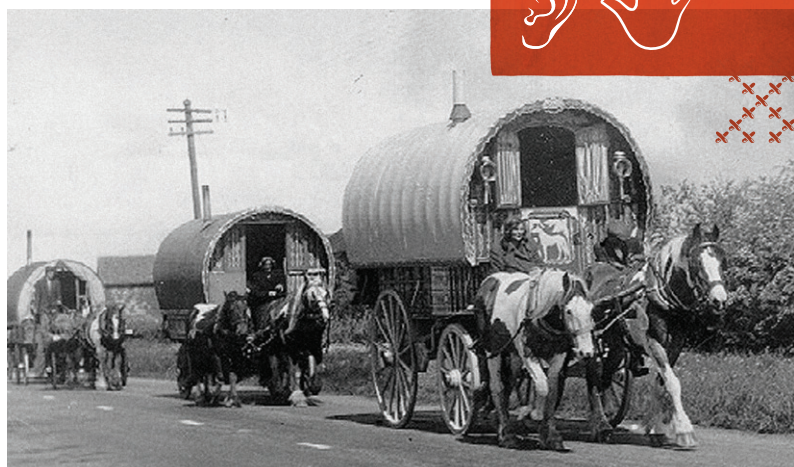
5. **Do you think** that these people are proud of being Travellers?

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Activity 2b

Who are Travellers?

The recordings that you are about to hear feature different Travellers talking about their identity: who they are and what makes them Travellers. These questions explore the theme of Traveller identity. When you respond these questions, remember to explain your answer. ('Settled community' means people who are not Travellers.)



1. Which word do the people speaking in the recording seem to use most to describe themselves? (For example, 'Gypsy' or 'Traveller'.)

2. What do these people think is the most important way to determine if someone is a Traveller?

3. Do Traveller people see themselves as very different from the settled community?

4. What term do Travellers use to describe members of the settled community?

5. Do you think that these people are proud of being Travellers?

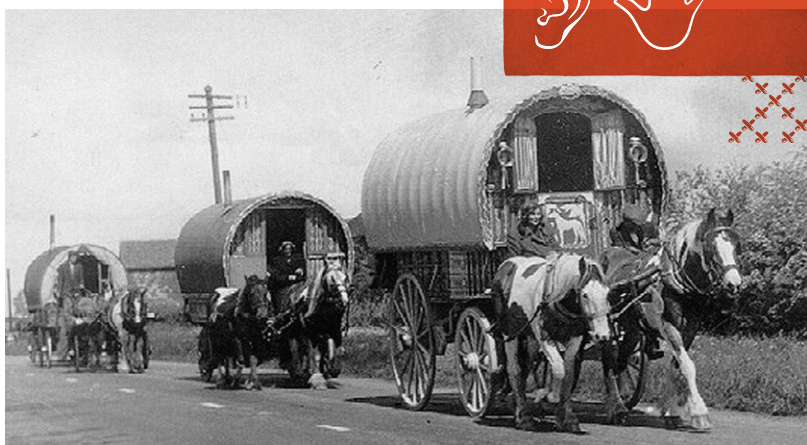
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Activity 2c



Who are Travellers?

The recordings that you are about to hear feature different Travellers talking about their identity: who they are and what makes them Travellers. These questions explore the theme of Traveller identity. ('Settled community' means people who aren't Travellers.)



1. Which word do the people speaking in the recording seem to use most to describe themselves? (For example, 'Gypsy' or 'Traveller'.)

■ The people speaking seem to use the word _____ most to describe themselves.

2. For the people speaking, what seems to be the most important way to tell if someone is a Traveller?

■ For the people speaking, the most important way to tell if someone is a Traveller is if

3. Do you think that Traveller people see themselves as very different from the settled community?

■ I **do/do not** think that Traveller people see themselves as different from the settled community because _____

4. What word do Traveller people use to describe people who belong to the settled community?

■ People who are Travellers use the word _____ to describe members of the settled community.

5. Do you think that these people are proud of being Travellers?

■ I think that these people **are/are not** proud of being Travellers because _____

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Activity 3



Romany	Used to describe an entire group of people who originated in India
Gypsy	A corruption of the word 'Egyptian', used because people mistakenly thought Romany people came from Egypt
Traveller	Used to describe any person with a travelling lifestyle
Showperson	Someone who moves from place to place running fairgrounds
Circus Person	Someone who provides entertainment based on acrobatics, performing animals, jugglers, and clowns
Scottish Traveller	Someone whose ancestors were forced from their homes during the Highland Clearances and have been on the road ever since
Irish Traveller	Someone whose ancestors probably took up a travelling life because of the Potato Famine
New Age Traveller	Someone who prefers to live an alternative lifestyle, following a movement that started in the 1960s and 1970s



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Activity 4



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Additional Resources

Identity – Charlie Smith

What do you see
When you look at me?
Your idea of my identity
Am I the Gypsy
You've read books about?
Am I the Traveller
You heard talk about?
Will you see the folki
Not in the books?
Will you judge my cousins
Just by their looks?
Will you know the Gypsy who lives in your street?
Or the one in the butchers who serves you your meat?
What of the midwife who helped at the birth of your son?
Her parents were Gypsies so she must be one
Then there's the old lady who tends all the graves
She preaches the Bible and claims Jesus saves
You will recognise her son who calls with the bell
The other one's a teacher, you won't know him so well.
On a stall in the market or a shop in the High Street
It might be a Gypsy who owns it you regularly meet
I could be your postman, milkman, priest
Busman, mechanic or waiter serving you a feast.
So next time you down us, don't just look at a few
Because we are all around and we're looking at you too
And you are not so perfect to be calling us names.