

## FAMILY BELONGINGS

LEVEL:	B1
TIME:	60 MINS

**Activity 1: Lead-in** - What's your most treasured possession? Why is it so important?

**Activity 2: Listen to the BBC 6-Minute English.**

What's the project "Family belongings" about?



[http://bit.ly/BBC\\_Belongings](http://bit.ly/BBC_Belongings)

"Family belongings" - *e.g. a Chinese photographer travelled around China and photographed different families with her belongings. He could observe a social change because the project lasted over a decade.*

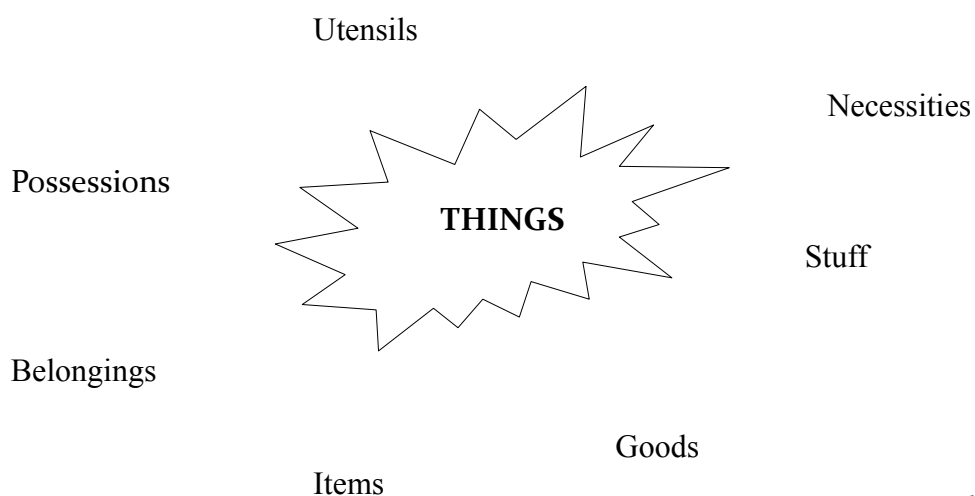
**Activity 3:** Listen again and write down ten items that people placed in front of their houses.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>e.g. kitchen utensils</i></li> <li>2. <i>a sewing machine</i></li> <li>3. <i>a flat-screen TV</i></li> <li>4. <i>blankets</i></li> <li>5. <i>a bicycle</i></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <i>a telephone</i></li> <li>7. <i>a satellite dish</i></li> <li>8. <i>a rice cooker</i></li> <li>9. <i>a watch</i></li> <li>10. <i>a fridge etc.</i></li> </ol> |
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**Activity 4: Speaking** - What kind of social changes can be observed in this project?

**Activity 5: Speaking** - What would you place in front of your house? Compare and discuss your list with your partner's one.

**Activity 6: Vocabulary** - Listen again and complete the gaps with synonyms.



Check your answers with the transcript:



<http://bit.ly/BelongingsText>

Do you know any other synonyms? Add them to the list above.

**Activity 7: Vocabulary** - Complete the gaps with given words

- Having a television or telephone was once a **luxury**, but now many see them as **necessities**.
- My grandparents' house is rather **old-fashioned**, whereas my flat is quite **modern**.
- They keep buying cooking **utensils** although their kitchen is so small.
- People placed their most **treasured** possessions in front of their houses.
- They are sisters but they are so different, you can say they are **poles** apart.
- The project shows that **rural** families have a bit different belongings than **urban** families.