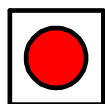


Living in Care



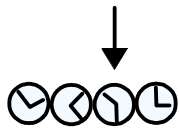
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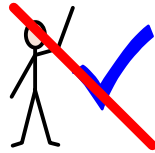
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Care



Sometimes



you can't



live

at



home

with your

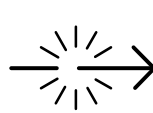


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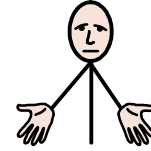


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of

Staffordshire

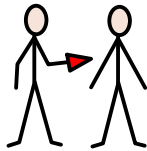


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Who

do



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live

with?



Most



children



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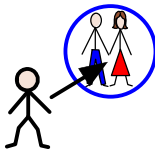


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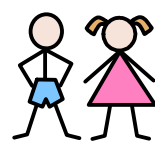
in



foster



homes,



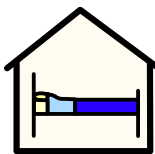
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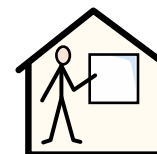
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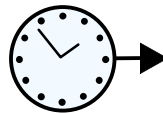


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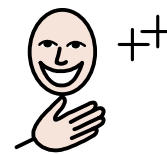
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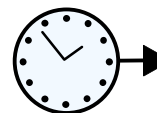
have



carers



who



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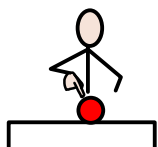


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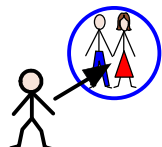
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So,

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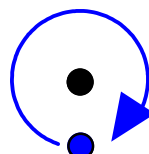


Fostering



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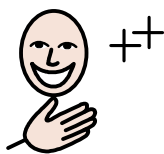
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About?



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Carers

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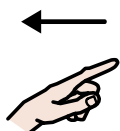
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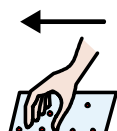
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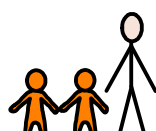


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children



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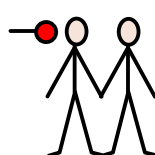
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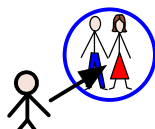
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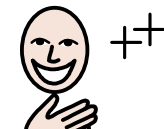
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Some



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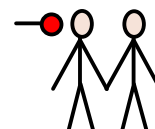


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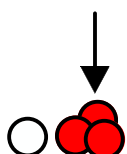
live

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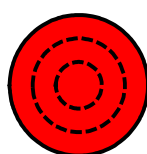


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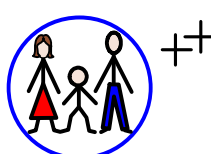


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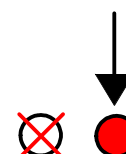


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families

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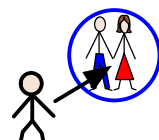


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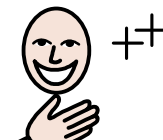
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Foster



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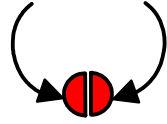
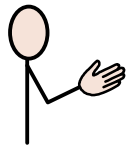
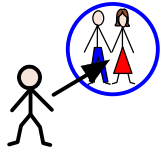
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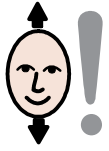


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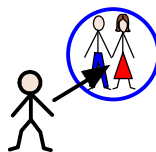
too.



Your foster carer will look after you and make



sure you are happy, healthy and safe.



What does your foster family look like?



Staffordshire

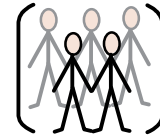
County Council

has

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of



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the



job

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finding



children



like

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safe

and



happy



family



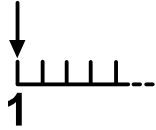
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When



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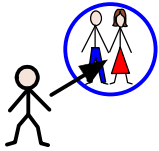
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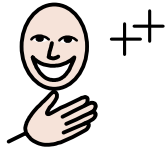
live

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your



foster



carers

your



social worker

or



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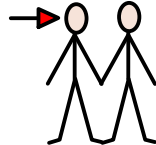


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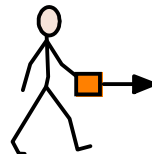
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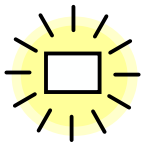


take

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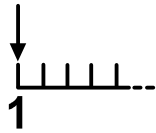


home.



When

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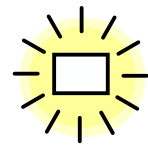
go to



live

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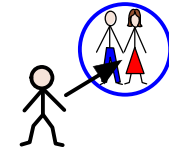


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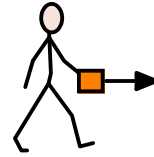


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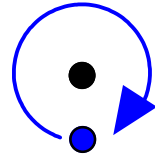
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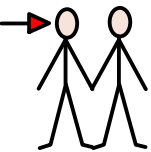


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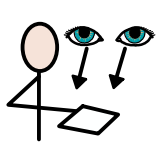


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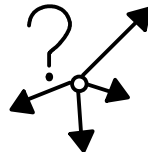
They

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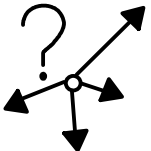
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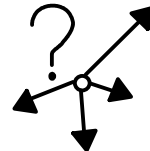
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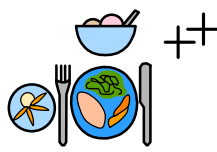
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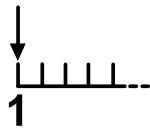
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When



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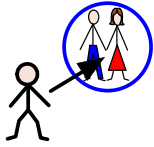


go to



live

with your

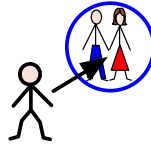


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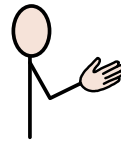


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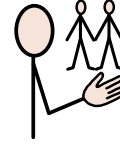
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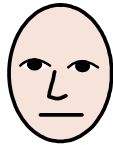


carer,



social worker

and



if it's

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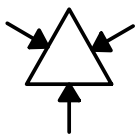


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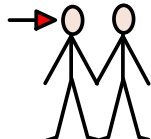
and



talk about



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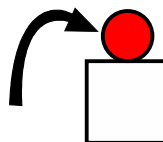
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Your Social Worker



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so that



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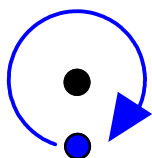
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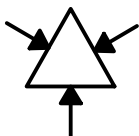
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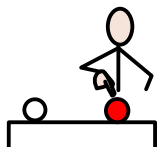
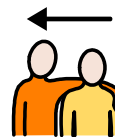
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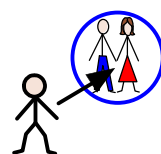
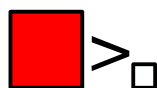
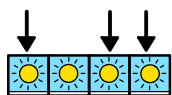
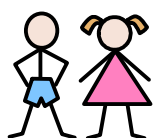
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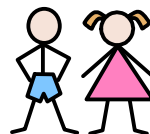
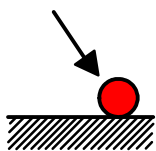
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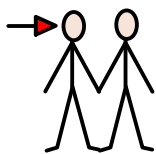
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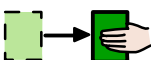
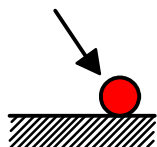
A Children's Home is normally larger than a foster



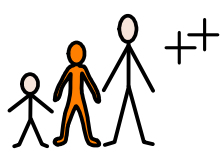
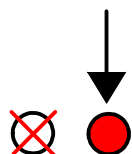
home. There are more adults in a children's



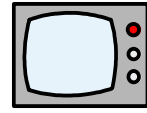
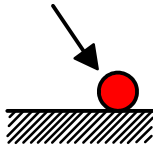
home. They do not live in the home but



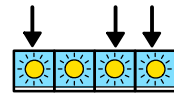
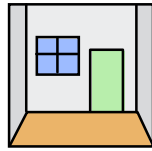
are there on shifts. You will also live



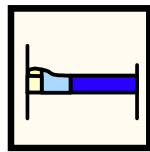
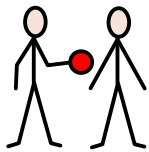
with other young people who are in care.



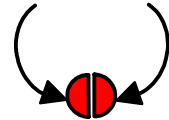
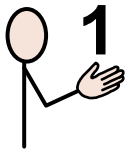
In the home there is a kitchen, a television



room, a laundry room and you will usually



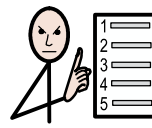
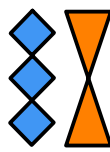
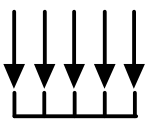
have your own bedroom. In the home you will have a



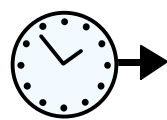
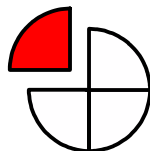
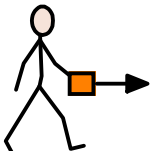
key worker who will talk with you and make



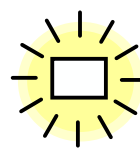
sure you are safe, happy and healthy.



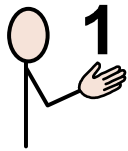
Every home has different rules and it will



take a little bit of time to workout what



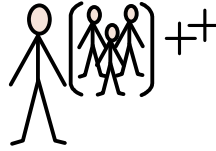
you can and can't do in your new home.



Your key worker and



other



members

of



staff

will

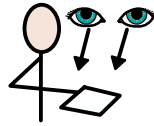


spend

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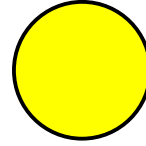
with

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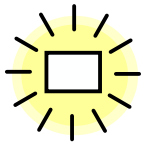
showing

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round

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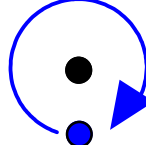
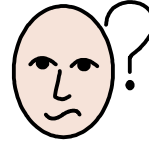
home.

If

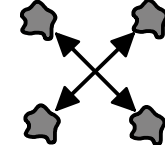
you

are

not sure



about



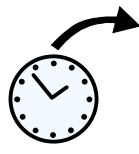
anything



or

you're

nervous



just

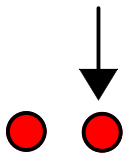


ask

your

key worker

or



another



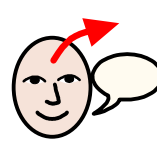
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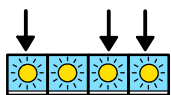
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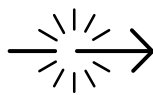
explain



what



usually



happens.



Do

you



have



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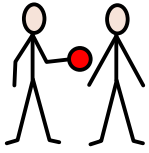


questions

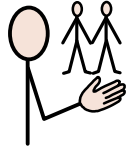
you

can

ask



your



social worker?

