|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| My name is Sally, I am 16, I love school almost as much as I love to ski. I go to a private school in Dublin. | My name is Hanan, I am 16, I am Pakistani  I play GAA and Cricket. I live in Mayo. |
| My name is Paul, I am 16, My family and I have been homeless for the last 3 months. Life is hard and I worry about my future. | My name is Ian, I am 16. My parents don’t work and struggle to pay bills each month. Sometimes we go without to get by. |
| My name is John-Paul, I am 16 and a traveler. I don’t go to school anymore, it was too boring. | My name is Desmond, I am 16 and came here as an asylum seeker with my Mum, our family still live in Cote d’Ivoire. |
| My name is Lee, I am 16, I am bullied at school. People say I smell and that I don’t wash my clothes. I hate life! | My name is Amman, I am 16, I am Syrian and came to Ireland last year as a refugee. I don’t speak English very well. But I feel safe here. |
| My name is Diarmaid, I am is 16, I play rugby and speak three languages. | My name is Gavin, I am 16. I play chess and guitar. I speak Irish. I use a wheelchair |
| My name is Saran, I am 16. I am in a violent relationship. I don’t speak to my parents. I think I am pregnant. | My name is Eve, I am 16, I travel a lot because my parents are mega rich. My Dad owns an airline company. |
| My name is Joey, I am 16. I have down syndrome I go to my local school and have a dog. | My name is Mary, I am 16. I am traveler, I have 6 siblings. My family struggles to pay bills. |
| My name is Minahil, I am 16, I am from Pakistan. I live here as an asylum seeker. I love school. | My name is Cian, I am 16. I don’t go to school anymore it is too boring and difficult. |
| My name is Patricia, I am 16. My parents are divorced, we don’t see my dad much. We can’t pay our rent this month. | My name is Natasha, I am 16. I am from Zimbabwe and came to Ireland as an asylum seeker. I love school! |
| My name is Ronan, I am 16. I am bullied at school. My parents work a lot. I feel alone. | My name is Sorcha, I am is 16, My parents are diplomats, so I am a boarder at a private school. |
| My name is Saoirse, I am 16. I have two mums and live in Roscommon. I love drama and art. | My name is Jamalida, I am 16. I am from Bangladesh and came here as a refugee last year. |
| My name is Tina, I am 16. I live in Finglas. I have two sisters and a dog. My parents fight all the time, sometimes it gets physical. | My name is Danny, I am 16. I drink a lot and I am close to getting expelled. Both my parents are addicts and life is chaotic. |
| My name is Caitlin, I am 16. I am American, my family moved here when my Mom got a Job in Google. I love to shop! | My name is Codi, I am 16. My mum is a single mother and so can’t work with my two little sisters. I have a job babysitting to help with bills. |
| My name is Brian, I am 16. I love rugby and go to a rugby school. I want to tell people that I am gay, but I worry. | My name is Madeline, I am 16. I have 6 brothers and sisters. We live on a farm in Meath. |
| My name is Sarah, I am 16. I am a good student. My parents are divorced, I swap houses each week. | My name is Adam, I am 16. I started taking heroin at 14. My dad is in Mountjoy and my Mum is a prostitute. |

|  |
| --- |
| Questions |
| 1. If English is your first language, take one step forward. |
| 1. If one or both your parents have a college degree, take one step forward. |
| 1. If you were raised with a single parent, take one step backward. |
| 1. If you feel unsafe walking alone home at night, take one step backward. |
| 1. If you see someone of your own ethnicity in the media daily, take one step forward. |
| 1. If you have access to a computer in your family home, take one step forward. |
| 1. If your household employs servants, gardeners, nannies, etc. take one step forward. |
| 1. If you have studied your culture of your ancestors in primary school, take one step forward |
| 1. If you ever had to skip a meal or were hungry because there was not enough money to buy food, take one step back. |
| 1. If you were ever made fun of or bullied take one step back. |
| 1. If your family has ever left your homeland or entered another country not of your own free will, take one step back. |
| 1. If you would never think twice about calling the police, take one step forward. |
| 1. If you can show affection for your romantic partner in public without fear of ridicule or violence, take one step forward. |
| 1. If you have a disability, take one step back. |
| 1. If you live in an area with crime and drug activity, take one step back. |
| 1. If someone in your household suffered or suffers from mental illness, take one step back. |
| 1. If you have always assumed that you’ll go to college, take one step forward. |
| 1. If your parents have told you that you can be anything you want to be, take one step forward. |
| 1. If you were ever called names because of your race, class, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, take one step back |
| 1. If you were ever ashamed or embarrassed of your clothes, house, car, etc. take one step back. |
| 1. If your parents had to work multiple jobs on the weekends or nights, take one step back. |
| 1. If you have to work to help support your parents and siblings, take one step back. |
| 1. If you assume that you’ll graduate secondary school, take one step forward. |