

Lesson 1

Case study



Identifying causes and making links

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“Gary comes from **a poor family** and has to help look after his mum **who is disabled**. He is always tired for school and finds it difficult to concentrate in lessons. He is not able to stay after school to get help. After **doing badly in his GCSEs**, he leaves school with no qualifications and is **not able to find work**.”

“Gary becomes **depressed** and **begins to drink** in order to escape the reality of his situation. In order to satisfy his alcoholism, Gary starts to **shoplift**. When Gary gets **caught by the police** his father is so angry that he kicks Gary out of home. Gary is too ashamed to ask for help and so begins **living on the street**.”