

Resource 2 - Investigation photopack

Real people - life in Rio de Janeiro

These cropped photos focus on Samir and Samira's life inside Maré favela. Included are a set of reveal cards with the full photos and supporting information.

Curriculum links:

Geography:

Identify key physical features of the city

Use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features

PSHE:

Living in the wider world, learning about different groups and communities

Works with:

Activity 4 - Photo investigation

Activity 5 - My journeys

This might help:

A photo gallery from National Geographic with more options (please be aware not all suitable for class use.)
ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2012/10/rio/harvey-photography



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Photo 1 - Samir rides his bike

Maré favela is bigger than 74 football pitches, but Samir, eight, has no choice but to ride his bike in circles on his roof, which measures just 3.5 metres by 2.5 metres. This is where he keeps his dog, plays with his siblings and where his mum hangs out their washing.

“I have to cycle my bike in circles on the roof. Mum won’t let us ride our bikes in the street because its not safe for us. My sister Samira got hit by a motorbike once.” **Samir**



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Photo 2 - Princess

Samir' and Samira's dog, Princess, looks down from her home on the roof to the slum below.

“My favourite thing to do in my spare time is play with Princess, my dog. We play catch and fetch with her ball. She's really good at retrieving it. We run together and the other day she tore my shorts! But it's ok because I love her.” **Samir**



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Photo 3 - Iron gates

Samir locks the iron gate at the entrance of his home when he gets home from school. Every home on Samir's street is locked behind fortified iron gates.

“Mum is very strict about us going outside, but we understand why. It's serious. A lot of men here carry weapons and drive really fast.” **Samir**



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Photo 4 - Ice-cream

Samir and Samira buying ice-cream with their older sister, Sarah, outside a football stadium in Rio de Janeiro. Brazil was the host of the 2014 football World Cup and some of the games were played in Rio.



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Photo 5 - Car wreck

Samir and Samira walk past one of the many car wrecks inside the favela with their Mum. The car has no wheels and is balanced on two piles of tires. In the background is a hairdressers and a house number marked with spray paint.