

I'm going to be adopted

What does it mean?



Adoption means living with another family forever when you can't live with the family where you were born.

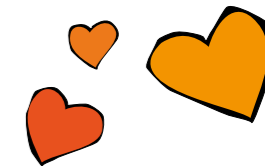
Who adopts children?

Children are adopted by all sorts of families. It may be a family with a mum and a dad or two mums or two dads, or just one mum or dad. It may be a family where there are other children or a family where you are the only child.



Why am I going to be adopted?

Some mums and dads grow beautiful children but can't look after them safely. Social workers, independent reviewing officers, people who know about adoption and a judge and the court then have to decide where children should live. While this is being decided, children live with foster carers.



- ♥ If everyone decides that you need a new, forever family, your social worker will find the right one for you.
- ♥ You will see pictures of your new family and then get to know them at your foster home.
- ♥ You will then move to your new home.
- ♥ Your social worker will still come to see you to make sure that you are all right.
- ♥ You will go to court and be **adopted**. You are now a part of a new family.
- ♥ If you want, you can still hear about your old family.
- ♥ Lots of children have been adopted



Here are some people who can help you:

- ♥ Independent Reviewing Officer
- ♥ Lewisham Council Complaints Officer
- ♥ Children's Rights Director
- ♥ Ofsted
- ♥ Independent Advocate
- ♥ Adoption Support Team