

Stereotypes and Racism

ESLDO - Unit 3

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What is a stereotype?

As humans, we have a tendency to group people into categories. We group them into: old, young, boy, girl, tall, short, etc. We also tend to group people by culture and race.

What is a stereotype (continued)

A stereotype is when we group a person in an unfair way.

We make an unfair judgement based on that person's appearance, rather than getting to know the person.

For example,

We can make a judgment that all girls love the colour pink and all boys love the colour blue.

How do we know that our judgment is a stereotype?

We can ask ourselves, do ALL girls really love pink? Do ALL boys really love blue? If the answer is no, it most likely is a stereotype.

Race

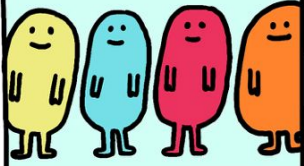
Race is often defined as the characteristics of a person that you can see, including skin color, hair texture, facial features, and eye color. A person cannot choose their race, it is something that is determined biologically (something they are born with).

What is racism?

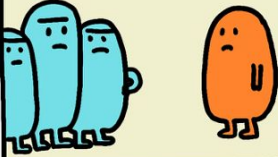
Racism refers to the beliefs, thoughts, feelings, and attitudes someone holds about a specific race of people.

Racism is often used to justify the belief that one race is somehow superior (better than) or inferior (less than).

We are all different. We don't all have the same skin color, the same country of origin, the same culture.

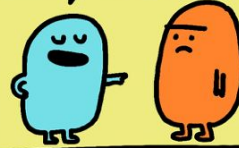


Some people don't like folks who are different from them.



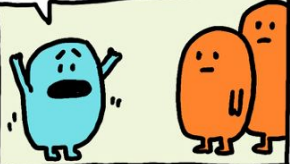
They think that their own skin color or culture makes them superior to others.

I am so much better than you!



Some people are afraid of people who are not like them.

They want to invade my country! They want to hurt me!



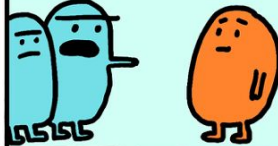
These ideas are what we call

RACISM.

Racism hurts.

Racism can make people treat others very badly.

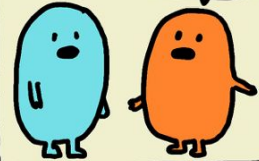
We don't want your kind here. This is OUR place.



Racism makes all of us feel bad, angry, and unsafe. How can we fight it?

I don't want to be afraid of you.

Same here.



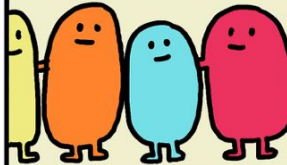
First, we can get to know each other better. When we know more, we fear less.

We're pretty much alike, after all!

Yeah, I'm glad we talked!



Inside, we're all the same. We all want to be loved, respected, and safe. If we don't let fear control our lives, we will all feel much better.



There are many other ways to fight racism. Talk to your friends, teachers and parents about it. We're all in this together!