

Religion and Social Justice

Prejudice, Discrimination and Human Rights



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Learning Objective

- To be able to describe what prejudice and discrimination are and explain how they make people feel.

Success Criteria

- To describe what prejudice and discrimination are.
- To explain what human rights we have and why they are important.
- To explain how prejudice and discrimination affect people.

What Are Prejudice and Discrimination?



Prejudice and discrimination are two problems people may face in society.



Acts of discrimination are seen as a breach of people's human rights.

Complete the activity sheet to link each of these key words to their definitions.

Key Word Matches

Match the key words we will be using this lesson to their definition.

prejudice	A set of rights which belong to all people. For example, the right to clean water.
discrimination	The judgement of someone or something without knowing enough information about that person or thing.
human rights	Treating someone differently because of their race, ethnicity, ability, gender, sex, orientation, religion, physical appearance, employment status or age.

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What Is the Difference Between Prejudice and Discrimination?



- Prejudice is the judgement of someone or something without knowing enough information about that person or thing.
- Discrimination is treating someone differently because of their race, ethnicity, ability, gender, sex, orientation, religion, physical appearance, employment status or age.

We can think of prejudice as an attitude or belief, and discrimination as an action or behaviour.

To ensure we are clear on the meaning of these, you are going to work in groups to create a short role play demonstrating prejudice or discrimination.

Which of these do you think is most serious?
How are they connected?



What Are Human Rights?

Human rights are the rights which belong to all people.

They are enshrined in documents such the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

In the UK, the government has signed the ECHR into British Law. This guarantees all people living in Britain have certain rights which no one can take away.



What Are Human Rights?



For your exam, you need to know several examples of human rights.

- Complete the mind map to show different examples of human rights.
- Can you think of any historical or current examples of human rights being violated?

Human Rights

Create an illustrated mind map to show what human rights we have. If you can, you should also explain why they are important. Use the example below to help you.

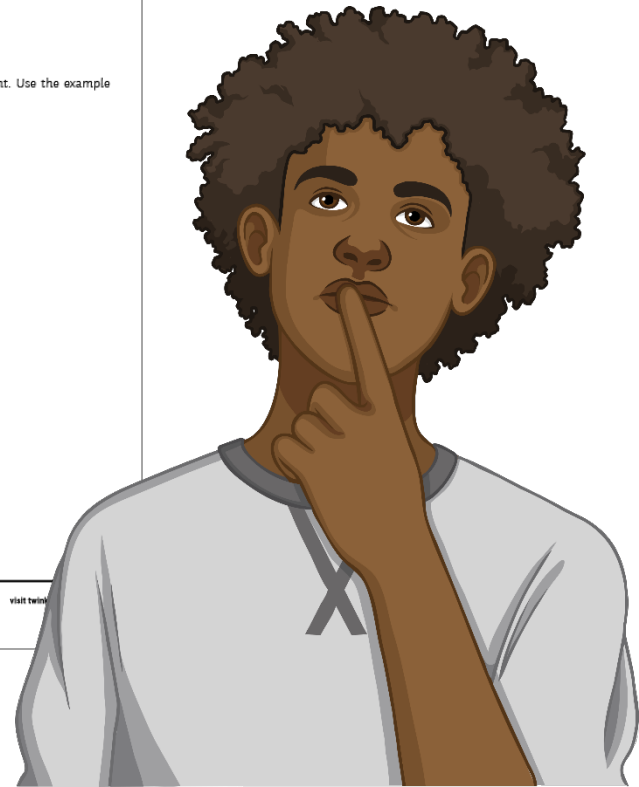
The right to freedom of speech is important because...

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A mind map template for 'Human Rights'. It features a central circle labeled 'Human Rights'. An arrow points from this circle to a text box that says 'The right to freedom of speech is important because...'. To the left of this text box is a small illustration of a person with their arm raised, as if speaking or protesting. At the bottom left of the template is the 'twinkl' logo, and at the bottom right is the text 'visit twinkl'.



How Can Prejudice and Discrimination Affect People in Britain Today?



Unfortunately, there are people in the UK today who are the subject of prejudice and discrimination. In some of these cases, the people affected feel that their human rights have been violated.

- In your groups, discuss who suffers from prejudice and discrimination and how this will affect people. Use your own experiences and knowledge to help you.
- As you do, complete the activity sheet. You will need to appoint one member of your group as a spokesperson. They will feed back on your findings at the end of the lesson.
- Do you think prejudice and discrimination are big problems in the UK today? Why?



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Have you achieved today's aims?