Challenging Stereotypes



Activity 1

Work through this quickly, going with your first instinct.

Describe the person that you imagine when I say…

Nurse

Beautician

Electrician

Footballer

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Activity 1 Continued

- Nurse – Did you imagine a woman? Was she young or old? Can't a man be a nurse? Do you have to be young to do this job?

- Electrician – Did you imagine a man? Can't a woman be an electrician? Do you have to be young to do this job?

- Beautician – Did you imagine a woman? Was she young or old? Can't a man be a beautician? Do you have to be young to do this job?

- Footballer – Did you imagine a man? Can't a woman be a professional footballer too? Do you have to be young to play football?

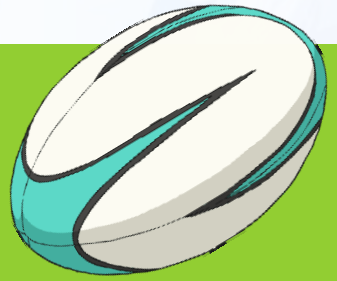
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Activity 2

Work through this quickly, going with your first instinct.

I answered these questions about my friend, Frankie. Can you picture them?

- Which school clubs does Frankie attend?
  Frankie loves going to rugby club and craft club.



- What might Frankie like to do as a job?
  Frankie wants to join the army.



- Does Frankie have any pets?
  Frankie has a pet rat, called Roland.

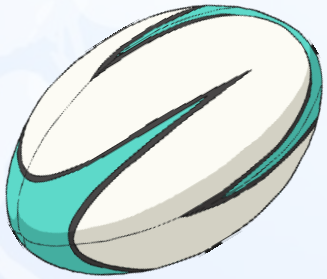


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Activity 2 Continued

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We shouldn't assume that Frankie is a boy, or a girl solely based on name, interests, career choice or pets!







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Activity 3

Read the following scenarios and discuss your thoughts.

Scenario 1 – Jamie is a wheelchair user who loves sports. His neighbour asked him, 'Which sport do you like watching best?'

Jamie replied, 'Who says I just watch?'

Scenario 2 – Year 6 pupils Fiona and Imogen are friends. Imogen asks Fiona, 'What do you think your life will be like when you're 30?'

'I hope to be working as a vet because that's my dream job.', replied Fiona.

'Really?', exclaimed Imogen. 'Don't you want to be married and stay at home while your husband goes to work and earns all the money? That's what men are supposed to do, right?'

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Activity 4



This woman is a pilot…

RAAF First female Flt. Lt. Joanne 'Jo' Meinand. She is the world's first woman to fly in a military precision flying team.



This man is a nurse…

A male U.S. Navy nurse attends to a young child.

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Activity 5

Read the following description and discuss the type of person you pictured.



This person makes me my breakfast every morning then takes me and my older brother to school. While I'm at school, they are at home looking after my baby brother and doing all the housework. They pick me up from school, help me with my homework and make me tea.

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Activity 5 Continued

Did you picture this person as a woman?



We shouldn't assume that it is only women that stay at home looking after the family. Men do this just as well.

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Activity 6

Sort these jobs into what are traditionally male and female roles.

Hair Dresser	Fire Fighter	Dog Groomer
Pilot	Cake Maker	Shop Assistant
Teacher	Bus Driver	Mechanic
Chef	Plumber	Vet

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Activity 6 Continued

Discuss why these jobs were traditionally done by either males or females. Then talk about why they can actually be done be either.

Hair Dresser	Fire Fighter	Dog Groomer
Pilot	Cake Maker	Shop Assistant
Teacher	Bus Driver	Mechanic
Chef	Plumber	Vet

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Stereotyping

We all have ideas and images that pop into our heads when we are asked to think about something.

Stereotyping is when people think that everyone who belongs to a specific group is the same. Some examples of stereotyping:

- All professional footballers are men.
- All make-up artists are women.
- All models are young.
- Girls don't like to play in the mud.
- All teenagers who wear hoodies are troublemakers.

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Challenging Stereotypes

We should never judge a person or a group just because of the way they look, their gender, the job they have, their age or their likes and dislikes.



Ideas that people have about others are not always correct.

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