

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination



We Are All Different



Sometimes, there are disagreements, misunderstandings and conflicts within our local community and in the wider world. This can cause concern for adults, and can also worry us too.

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Within society, people don't always get along, and sometimes people forget that it is other people's differences that make them **unique** and special.

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Today is about trying to stop people from discriminating against people because of where they are from and the colour of their skin.

What Is Discrimination?

What does the word discrimination mean?

Discrimination is when someone is treated differently or unfairly based on a variety of things such as their beliefs, their skin colour, whether they are a boy or girl and even how old they are.

The International Day for the **Elimination** of Racial Discrimination is about stopping people being discriminated against because of their race.



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The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on 21st March every year.

Why this date?
On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid "pass laws".



What Is Equality?

Today is about equality for everybody around the world, no matter where they live, where they are from, the colour of their skin, the language they speak or their accent.



What Is Equality?

The opposite of discrimination is equality.

Everyone has a right to live happily and be free from discrimination.

Equality is about treating everyone the same, not about giving certain people 'special treatment' or 'extra rights'.

It means treating everyone as individuals with respect and consideration. It is about acknowledging and appreciating diversity and difference.

Where Do Our Differences Come From?



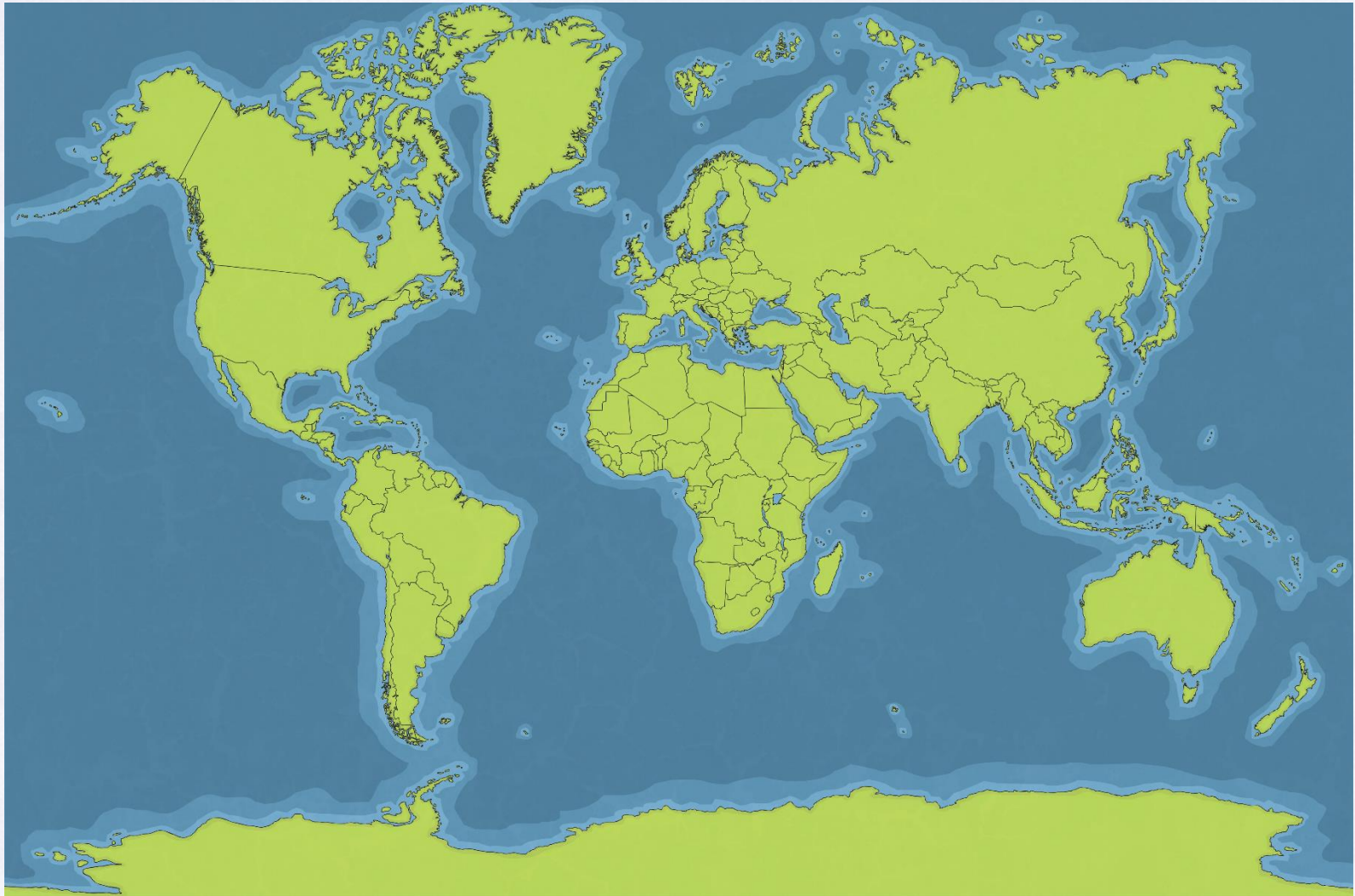
Where Do Our Differences Come From?

Lots of people who live in the United Kingdom come from countries all over the world. Lots of people from the UK, move to live and work in other countries.

This means that we can learn about lots of different places, people, customs and beliefs.



Look at this map of the world, how many different countries can you name?



How Might Someone Discriminate against Someone Because of Their Race?

Saying mean things to someone because of their skin colour.

Leaving someone out of games or joining in because of their skin colour.

Making someone feel like they don't belong because they have loved another country.

Making fun of someone because of the customs and traditions they practice.

Making fun of someone because of their language or accent.

What Can We Do to Help Eliminate Racial Discrimination?

Recognise that, no matter our skin colour, accent the language we speak or where we are from, we are all equal and deserve the same rights and treatment.

Make sure everybody feels included and welcome.

Encourage people to tell someone if they feel they are being racially discriminated against.

If you think you see racism happening, tell a responsible adult and get help.

Discuss It!

What have you learnt from this assembly?



Think

What have you learned about The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination?

What have learnt about the terms 'discrimination' and 'equality'?



Pair

Share what you know with a partner.



Share

Share your ideas with the class.



Glossary

unique – something which is a one of a kind. There is nothing else the same.

elimination – the complete removal or destruction of something.

Apartheid - a political and social system in South Africa from 1945 – 1994, segregating white and black people and discriminating against black people.

'pass laws' – laws during Apartheid which meant black people were kept separate from white people using passports.

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