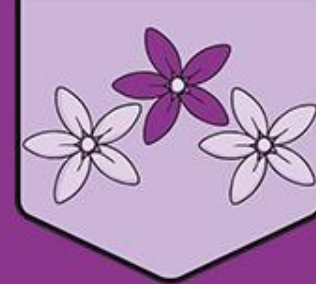


You Are Unique



Explain why everyone is unique and understand why this should be celebrated and respected.

Success Criteria

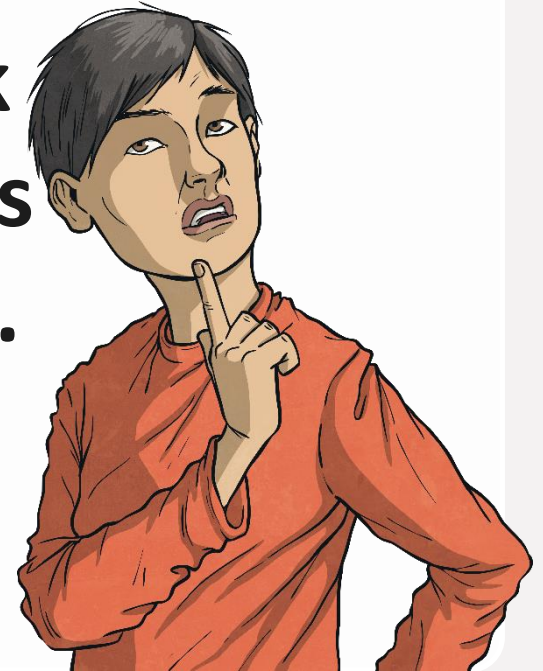
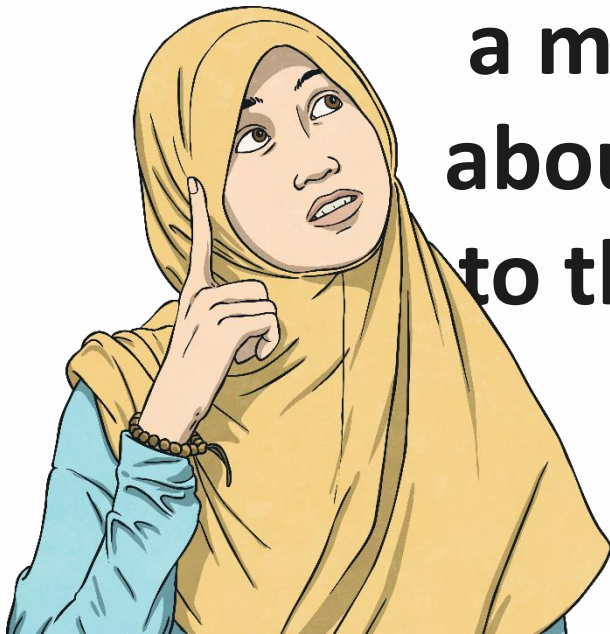
- I can understand the importance of people having their own thoughts, feelings and opinions.
- I can identify solutions to situations where being an individual may feel more difficult.
- I can identify why I am unique.
- I can reflect on the importance of individuality.

The Big Questions

Is it OK to think and feel differently to other people?

What does 'being an individual' mean and why is this a good thing?

Sit quietly and take a moment to think about your answers to these questions.



Reconnecting

Fitting In

When we are with our friends or people we do not know, it is human nature to want to 'fit in'. We like to feel we belong and part of belonging is having things in common with others in the group.

However, sometimes wanting to 'fit in' can actually make us do things we don't feel comfortable with; to behave in a certain way or say certain things. When this starts to happen, we are compromising our individual thoughts and values.

There are ways to feel we belong without needing to agree with everything others in the group say and without going along with things that go against what we believe, think or feel is right.

This lesson will look at why **being ourselves is important**.

We are all unique – this makes the world an exciting place to live!

Exploring

Thoughts, Opinions and Feelings

Do we all think and feel the same things?

Do we all hold the same opinions about things?

Why is this?

Share your thoughts with a partner and then with the class.



As we are all individuals, we all have our own thoughts, opinions and feelings. **It is OK to think and feel differently to others** – we are all unique! This should be celebrated!

We should **respect the thoughts, opinions and feelings of others**, even when they are different to ours.

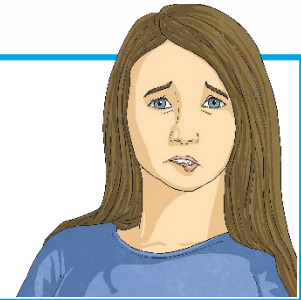
Listening to and respecting the thoughts, opinions and feelings of others helps us to get to know and **understand each other better and live and work together more happily.**

Thoughts, Opinions and Feelings



When we are around others who have similar thoughts and feelings, we can feel more comfortable and happy to express our own thoughts and feelings.

However, when we are with people whose thoughts and feelings are different to ours, we may not feel as comfortable expressing a different thought or feeling.



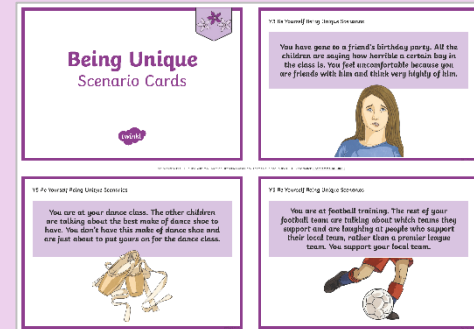
There are ways that we can express a different thought or feeling to someone at the same time as being respectful of their opinion.

I Am Unique

Although being unique and an individual is a good thing, there are times when this can feel more difficult.

Can you think of any times when this might be the case?

In groups, look at your Being Unique Scenario Cards. The scenarios on these cards all have a dilemma - the person is torn between being an individual and 'fitting in'. Share your thoughts on what you think the person should do and why. Then, share your thoughts with the class.



Consolidating

It is important to stay true to ourselves while being respectful of others. We are all unique and we should celebrate this!

Reflecting

TASK 1: What should each person do?

You are sat on the playground chatting to your friends. Your friends start talking about people who have religious views. They begin to share negative and disrespectful opinions. Your religion is very important to you and your family.



You have gone to a friend's birthday party. All the children are saying how horrible a certain boy in the class is. You feel uncomfortable because you are friends with him and think very highly of him.



Your friends are talking about their favourite foods. They start talking about people who do not eat meat. They are saying they think it is weird. You do not eat meat as you are a vegetarian - your beliefs are very important to you.

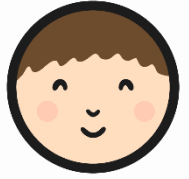


Ways to confidently and politely express a different opinion, thought or feeling.

- I respect what you're saying but in my opinion ...
- I understand what you are saying but my personal belief is ...
- From my personal experience ...
- I do think you are making an interesting point. However, I feel...
- There are parts of your opinion I agree with. However, in my experience ...
- I really enjoyed hearing your opinion. I find the things we see differently interesting.

Consolidating

Celebrating Me!



We are all unique; we have our own thoughts, opinions, feelings and interests. Being an individual is a good thing, it helps make the world an exciting place to live!

TASK 2:

Draw a picture of yourself and write all the things which make you unique around the outside – celebrate you!

Celebrating Me!

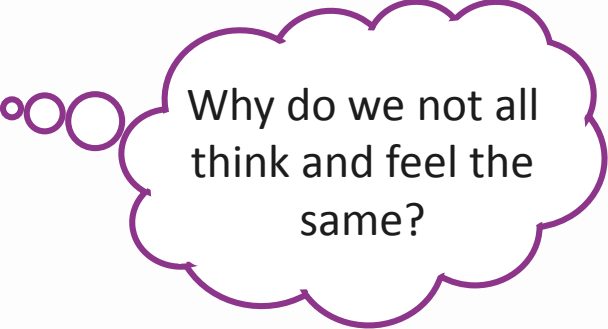
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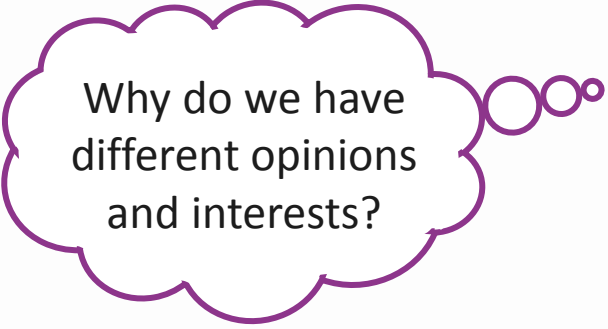


Reflecting

Being an Individual

A purple thought bubble with three small circles leading to it from the left.

Why do we not all think and feel the same?

A purple thought bubble with three small circles leading to it from the right.

Why do we have different opinions and interests?

Our individuality means we all have our own thoughts, feelings opinions and interests. These can be shaped by the special people in our life but ultimately they are unique to us! This is incredibly exciting and worth celebrating!

Our uniqueness is what makes us special and it is very important to feel confident about being an individual. Be happy to be you – you are wonderful!

Revisit - The Big Questions

Is it OK to think and feel differently to other people?

What does 'being an individual' mean and why is this a good thing?

What is the most important thing you have learnt today?

