

Lesson 1**Discrimination, stereotypes and bias****INTRODUCTION TO LESSON:**

This topic deals with what people think of those who are different from them. It is vital to be aware of one's thoughts about other people and one's actions towards those who are different. It is important that we know how damaging discrimination, stereotype and bias are to our society, our country and even the world.

For this activity you will need your:

- Stationery,
- Dictionary,
- PSW text book, and
- PSW class work book (Mrs. Smith's class work book)

Instructions:

- 1) Carefully read the 'INTRODUCTION TO LESSON' paragraph at the top of this page. It tells you exactly what this activity is about.
- 2) Now you can read the paragraph on page 56 in your textbook: **Discrimination ruins a nation.**

*Take note of the important words in the **green block**:
 - **Discrimination**: *Treating a person or a particular group of people unequally because of differences such as age, race, gender, religion, disability or education.*
 - **Stereotyping**: *Thinking that people of a particular group all behave in the same way.*
 - **Bias**: *When we think our soccer team players are never in the wrong and the referee has been unfair.*
- 3) Take a minute to think about discrimination... Have you ever witnessed discrimination?
- 4) In your class work book write a short paragraph (4 to 5 sentences) of a time when you've witnessed discrimination.
- 5) Now you're ready to do Activity 2: Poetry reading on page 56 of your text book. You have to read the poem while standing in front of a mirror. Imagine that the mirror is your audience 😊
- 6) After you've read the poem in your textbook thoroughly you have to write your own poem on discrimination OR stereotype OR bias. Your poem should be at least 8 lines. It doesn't have to rhyme. Your poem should be interesting. Use a dictionary to check your spelling.