

## PSHE

### LO: What is cultural stereotyping?

For today's lesson, read the following information about cultural stereotyping and prejudice. You don't need to submit any written work for this, but instead think about what you're reading and either make some notes to help you organise your thoughts, or discuss your thoughts with an adult at home.

**What Is a Stereotype?**

A **stereotype** is an idea or belief held by a person, about an individual or group, based on limited information. Stereotyping is a type of **prejudice**.

If you base your opinion on what somebody is like according to their appearance, it's stereotyping.

**What Is Cultural Stereotyping?**

**Cultural stereotyping** is forming opinions about people based on where they come from or where they live.

We can recognise some examples of cultural stereotyping as being ridiculous. For example, not all French people wear berets and stripy tops!

Can you think of any examples where you have seen stereotypes?

**Think, Pair, Share.**

	
	
	
	

Which countries do these flags represent? Have you heard any stereotypes about people from these countries?

## What's Wrong?

**Cultural stereotyping** is wrong because it can lead to:

- people getting the blame for something that someone else did;
- the victim feeling isolated;
- someone being verbally abused or physically attacked, sometimes with serious consequences.



## Give Everyone a Chance

Have you ever heard these expressions?

"Don't judge a book by its cover." (George Eliot)

"Never judge someone by the opinion of others." (Anon.)

What do they mean?

## What Should We Do?

Instead of stereotyping, we should:

- take the time to get to know people, instead of making assumptions about them;
- say 'no' to prejudice;
- adapt our words and behaviour to be more sensitive to others;
- learn about other cultures or traditions;
- challenge cultural stereotyping if we hear it happening.



## **Key Vocabulary**

**Cultural stereotyping** – forming opinions about someone based on where they come from or where they live.

**Prejudice** – a formed idea or dislike of someone or something, which is not based on a reason or actual experience.

**Stereotype** – an idea or a belief held by a person, about an individual or group, based on limited information.