

Life Skills (P.S.W) Worksheet Week 2

Grade 5

Read the following and complete the activity.

Discrimination, stereotype and bias

The difference between discrimination, stereotype and bias.

A **stereotype** is when another person or a thing matches a fixed idea that someone has about that other person or thing. The other person or thing is labelled or categorized in a certain way.

Discrimination happens when people are judged or treated in a different way because of differences such as race, gender, wealth, skin colour and religion.

Bias is an inaccurate way of seeing or reporting things. This is often because people prejudice things or favour one thing above another. Words are often used to make the listener, or the reader think in a certain way.

The rights of the child

According to the law, children have basic rights. One of the **Children's Rights** state that no child should be discriminated against because of his or her colour, race , gender , language , religion , political opinion , nationality , disability or for any other reason.

(Ref: Platinum Learner Book -Life Skills Grade 5)

Activity 1.1. Discrimination, stereotype and bias

Read the story and answer the questions in your Life Skills Exercise book.

No one at school likes Eunice. She is always late for school and has never done her homework. She sometimes smells bad, and her uniform is old and dirty. At lunchtime, Eunice sits at the corner of the playground and watches everyone eats their lunch. Everyone thinks she is strange and no one except the teacher speaks to her.

After a school holiday, Eunice came back to school looking much cleaner, happier and healthier. She has been taken to a children's home because her parents were not looking after her properly. They always forgot to give her lunch for school and never made sure she did her homework or had a bath.

Questions

1. Which of Eunice's rights were violated before she was taken from her parents and sent to a children's home to be looked after?
2. From the story above, can you explain how the other learners:
 - a) Stereotyped Eunice?
 - b) Judged Eunice?
 - c) Discriminated against Eunice?

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