

Les problèmes de société (discriminations)

Parler des discriminations et du harcèlement en anglais : vocabulaire, contraires, should pour les solutions, passif pour décrire l'injustice.

1 Vocabulary

- **discrimination** (*to discriminate against*), **racism**, **sexism**, **ageism**, **a prejudice**, **a stereotype**, **hate speech**.
- **equality**, **tolerance**, **respect**, **diversity**, **fairness** : indéénombrables, sans article au sens général.
- **a minority**, **a victim**, **a target**, **a disability / disabled**, *to exclude*, *to reject*, *to include*, *to accept*, *to judge somebody by their appearance*, *to look down on*.
- Repère : *Equality Act* (UK, 2010).

2 Bullying

- **to bully**, **a bully (bullies)**, **bullying**, **cyberbullying** ; plus grave que *to tease* (taquiner).
- **a victim**, **a witness**, **a bystander** (spectateur passif).
- *to make fun of*, *to mock*, *to insult*, *to call somebody names*, *to spread rumours*, *to leave somebody out*, *to threaten*.
- *to speak up*, *to report*, *to tell an adult*, *to stand up for* ; *to feel ashamed / lonely / hopeless*.
- Repères : *Anti-Bullying Week* (novembre), *Childline* (0800 1111).

3 Opposites with prefixes

- **un-** : *unfair*, *unequal*, *unkind*, *unsafe*, *unwelcome*.
- **in-** : *intolerant*, *injustice*, *inequality*, *invisible*.
- **dis-** : *disrespect*, *disadvantage*, *dishonest*, *disability*.
- **im-** (p, m) : *impossible*, *impolite* ; **il-** : *illegal* ; **ir-** : *irresponsible*.
- **-less** = sans : *homeless*, *helpless*, *hopeless* ; **-ful** : *respectful*.

4 Solutions: should

- **should / shouldn't** + BV : *We should include everyone*. *You shouldn't share that post*.
- **must / mustn't** : règle stricte.
- *I find it unfair / unacceptable that...*, *everyone deserves respect*, *nobody should be judged*, *whatever their origin*, *instead of* + V-ing.

5 The passive

- **be + participe passé** (+ *by* + agent) ; la victime devient sujet.
- Présent : *she is bullied*, *they are excluded* ; prétérit : *he was hit*, *they were rejected* ; present perfect : *she has been bullied* ; modal : *nobody should be judged*.
- Accord de *be* avec le sujet ; participes : *hurt*, *hit*, *left*, *paid*, *chosen*, *forbidden*.
- Sans agent = « on » : *He was called names*.

L'ESSENTIEL

- Discrimination, racism, equality, tolerance : noms indéénombrables, sans article ; *to discriminate against*.
- Bullying : *a bully* harcèle *a victim* ; *a bystander* regarde sans agir ; il faut *speak up* et *report*.

- Contraires : *un-* (unfair), *in-* (injustice), *dis-* (disrespect), *im-* (impolite), *-less* (hopeless).
- Solutions avec *should / shouldn't* + base verbale ; opinion : *I find it unacceptable that...*
- Passif = *be* + participe passé : *she is bullied*, *they were excluded*, *nobody should be judged*.