A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Recognising and challenging stereotypes of visible difference
Today we will learn:

• What a stereotype is and identify some examples.
• What a visible difference is.
• How stereotypes of visible difference are often used in film and on TV.
• What impact negative stereotypes of visible difference can have on people.
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• Challenge the ideas not the person.

• Use appropriate language – no rude comments.

• Allow everyone to express their view, to ensure that everyone is heard and respected.

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What does a ‘baddie’ from a film look like?

Think about the ‘baddies’ you’ve seen in films and on TV and draw a picture of one of them.
CLASS DISCUSSION

What does the word stereotype mean?
A **stereotype** is an idea about a particular group of people that is often untrue or unfair.
Today we’re going to be talking about how **stereotypes** affect people who have a visible difference (a mark, scar or condition that affects how they look).
Causes of a visible difference:

• Skin conditions like eczema, acne, or vitiligo
• Burns
• Birthmarks
• Craniofacial conditions, affecting the growth and development of the skull and face
• Cleft lip/palate (a gap or split in the upper lip and/or roof of the mouth)
• Cancer
There are many types of visible difference
ACTIVITY

In your group, make a list of film or TV characters that have a scar, mark or condition that affects their appearance.
Voldemort
HARRY POTTER

Dr Poison
WONDER WOMAN

Scar
THE LION KING

The Evil Queen
SNOW WHITE
DISCUSSION

How might seeing stereotypes in films and on TV affect the feelings of people who have a visible difference?

Do you think seeing stereotypes makes people treat others differently, if they look different?
TIME TO REFLECT

What have you learned about stereotypes?
Find out more about visible differences and respecting difference: 
changingfaces.org.uk

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Other helpful websites: 
youngminds.org.uk 
respectme.org.uk
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• How all stereotypes can be challenged.
• How much you have learned about stereotypes and visible difference.
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