

## RACISM

### Activity 1: Warm-up

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What is racism?

How do you explain racism to a child?

Why are people racist?

What punishments should there be for those guilty of racism?

How much racism is there in your country?

Have you ever seen a racist act?

In which country do you think racism is worst?

### Activity 2: Watching – A little problem I had renting a house – James A. White Sr.

#### Before watching:

**2A: Match the words (1-12) with their definitions (A-L).**

	WORD		DEFINITION
1.	airman	A	someone who rents a flat, house, office, piece of land etc. from the person who owns it
2.	dignity	B	to increase the level of (something)
3.	glove compartment	C	to show or announce publicly for the first time
4.	heinous (crimes)	D	the quality of being humane; benevolence
5.	humanity	E	utterly odious or wicked
6.	ownership	F	to be unable to understand something or think clearly about it
7.	tenant	G	to question whether something is true, accurate, or legal
8.	to be confused	H	a sense of pride in oneself
9.	to challenge	I	a caravan
10.	to elevate (your level of knowledge, awareness)	J	an attitude of accepting responsibility for something and taking control of how it develops
11.	to unveil	K	the small cupboard or shelf in front of the passenger seat of a car
12.	trailer	L	a pilot or member of the crew of an aircraft, especially in an air force

Definitions C,D,E,G,H,I,J,L: <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>

Definition A,B,F,K: <http://www.macmillandictionary.com/>

**2B: Listen to the definitions, match them with the words and write them down.**



WORD	DEFINITION
(to react in an) adverse (manner)	
to eradicate	
hatred	
unarmed	
vacancy	

Definitions: <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com>



**2C: Listen to the speech and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).**

1. James became an air policeman when he was 18. T/F
2. James expected that it would be difficult to find a new flat. T/F
3. James easily found a new home for him and his family. T/F
4. The landlady took his phone number and called back as soon as she had a free apartment. T/F
5. James bought a trailer from another airman. T/F
6. There are many places where you can park your trailer in Mountain Home. T/F
7. The management let him park the trailer in the trailer park where it was before he bought it. T/F
8. Tenants didn't want black families to live near them. T/F
9. The trailer park where he lived was very modern. T/F
10. James and his family were refused to sleep in the motel with free rooms. T/F
11. James has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. T/F
12. One of his grandchildren is a comedian. T/F

13. In the last three months two unarmed African-American males have been killed by the police, white home owners or white citizens. T/F
14. It is more dangerous to be a black person than a white person in the United States. T/F
15. Consequences of challenging police are the same for everyone. T/F
16. James' mission is to fight racism. T/F
17. James wants Americans to collectively stand out against killing unarmed people. T/F

**After listening:** Why do you think people didn't want to rent him the flat?