

## RACISM

### Activity 1: Warm-up

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**Source:** <http://www.esldiscussions.com/r/racism.html>

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?

**Activity 3: Watching - 'The Invisible Discriminator' - Stop. Think. Respect.**



**Motto:** Why should anyone be made to feel like crap, just for being who they are? Subtle or 'casual' racism can be just as harmful as more overt forms. Stop. Think. Respect. encourages everyone in Australia to check their behaviour.

**Author of the film:** Beyond Blue

**Source:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvTyL41PvTk>

**Vocabulary:**

	WORD		DEFINITION
1.	indigenous	A	to be doing something, often something bad or illegal, usually secretly
2.	to be up to sth	B	Australian informal offensive - an Aborigine
3.	the <b>Abo</b> barman	C	originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native

Definition A: <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

Definitions B,C: <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>

What examples of discrimination can we see in the film?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### Activity 4: Watching - Behind the scenes of the 'The Invisible Discriminator'

#### Before watching:

**4A: Read the definitions, match them with the words and write them down.**



	WORD	DEFINITION
1.	impact	
2.	obvious	
3.	overt	
4.	prevalent	
5.	to assault sb	

Definition 1,3,4,5: <http://www.macmillandictionary.com/>

Definition 2: <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>

**4B: Match the words (1-11) with their definitions (A-K).**

	WORD		DEFINITION
1.	ATSI person	A	well known to you, or easily recognized by you
2.	Caucasian	B	in a manner that is suitable for the purpose or situation
3.	comfy	C	not obvious, and therefore difficult to notice
4.	familiar	D	to enter; to go into
5.	footie	E	used for describing a white person, for example from Europe, North America, or Australia
6.	peak hour	F	to insult someone verbally
7.	properly	G	to keep making small quick movements with parts of your body because you are bored, nervous, or impatient
8.	subtle	H	British informal term for football
9.	to call someone names	I	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
10.	to fidget	J	period when the largest number of people are doing or using something
11.	to set foot in/on	K	comfortable

Definition A,B,C,E,G,J,K: <http://www.macmillandictionary.com/>

Definition D,F,H: <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>



**4C: Watch the video and answer the questions:**

1. The scenes in the film are made up. T/F
2. The subtle as well as the overt forms of racism still prevail in Australia. T/F
3. Shop assistants often observe ATSI kids and adults while shopping because they are afraid that they will steal something. T/F
4. Melodie reckons that passive racism is worse than the overt one. T/F
5. Why didn't anyone want to seat next to Greg?
6. What happened to Basil on a train?
7. Greg didn't use to go to pubs or night clubs because he was afraid of being attacked. T/F
8. Greg thinks that the situation in Australia has changed for worse. T/F

**Activity 5: Listening – Complete the lyrics of the song “War” by Bob Marley.**

**Author of the song:** Bob Marley

**Source:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=33&v=V3ZoqGSL8FA>

**War – Bob Marley**

Until the philosophy which holds one race  
 ..... and another .....  
 Is finally and ..... discredited and abandoned  
 Everywhere is war, me say war

That until there is no longer first class  
 And second class ..... of any nation  
 Until the colour of a man's .....  
 Is of no more ..... than the colour of his eyes  
 Me say war

That until the basic ..... are equally  
 Guaranteed to all, without regard to race  
 Dis a war

That until that day  
 The dream of ..... peace, world citizenship  
 Rule of international morality  
 Will remain in but a fleeting illusion

To be ....., but never attained  
Now everywhere is war, war

And until the ignoble and unhappy .....  
That hold our brothers in Angola, in Mozambique,  
South Africa sub-human bondage  
Have been ....., utterly destroyed  
Well, everywhere is war, me say war

War in the East, war in the West  
War up North, war down South  
War, war, rumours of war

And until that day, the ..... continent  
Will not know ....., we Africans will fight  
We find it necessary and we know we shall win  
As we are confident in the victory

Of good over evil, good over evil, good over evil  
Good over evil, good over evil, good over evil

<b>WORD</b>
African
citizens
human rights
inferior
lasting
peace
permanently
pursued
regimes
significance
skin
superior
toppled