

Worksheet 1.8a: How are individuals affected by inequality and discrimination?

1. Match the key words to their definitions below by writing the relevant letter next to the word.

Key words:

1. Discrimination _____
2. Prejudice _____
3. Persecution _____
4. Inequality _____

Definitions:

- A. Unreasonable thoughts about an individual or group.
- B. Cruel treatment over a long period of time.
- C. Unfair acts towards an individual or group.
- D. Unfair situation where some citizens get better treatment than others.

2. Read the text below about Danny and the effects of some people's attitudes to him.

Danny is an extremely experienced childcare professional. He works at a local nursery where the children love him. He is caring, fair and funny. He ensures that the toddlers are safe at all times. He's always loved working with children (and has five of his own!). Unfortunately, some of his colleagues and some of the children's parents/carers have sexist attitudes. They think that only women should work with children.

The effects on Danny of some people's attitudes towards him:

Inequality – Danny is paid less than his female workmates.

Inequality – Danny's suggestions aren't treated with respect at staff meetings.

Prejudice – Some of Danny's colleagues think that men can't look after babies.

Discrimination – Danny is not told about a new, better-paid job at the nursery.

Persecution – A group of parents slash Danny's tyres and spread lies about him online.