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## Racism, Prejudice, Discrimination, and Stereotypes

**Racism:** belief that one race is better than another

**Prejudice:** pre-judgment based on a personal bias; A negative opinion that is not based on facts.

**Stereotype:** an idea that many people have about a thing or a group and that may often be untrue or only partly true

**Discrimination:** The treating of some people better than others without any fair or proper reason

### What do you think the following statements represent?

Ex: Cathy doesn't like Brian because he has red hair. Prejudice

1. The substitute teacher walked into the room and I immediately knew that I wouldn't like her because of the way she was dressed. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Josh and Jarrod don't like people who dress gothic so they make fun of them and sometimes throw things at them. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Damon has long, bleached blonde hair and he wears a lot of clothing made by Quicksilver, Billabong, and Rip Curl. He says "Dude" and "Sweet" a lot, so he's definitely like most other surfers. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The woman at the reception desk wouldn't let me into the restaurant because she says my clothing was inappropriate. \_\_\_\_\_
5. With a name like "Bambi," I doubt that she's very intelligent. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Michael is very tall – 6 feet, 8 inches. He looks like a lot of other basketball players I've seen.  
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7. I took one look at him and knew that we'd never be friends. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Carolyn isn't very pretty, so I doubt that she is popular with the rest of the class.

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**Complete the following questions.**

9. What are two examples of discrimination you have witnessed or heard of?

10. What are two examples of prejudice or stereotyping you have witnessed or heard of?