



Be informed!



Here's what's been in the news this week...

Endangered seahorses return to UK!



An **endangered species of seahorse** native to the UK has **been spotted in British waters** for the first time in more than two years.

Sony delays PS5 announcement



Sony decided to delay their PS5 announcement to **“allow more important voices to be heard”**, showing their support for recent protests.



Members of Parliament queued for 90 minutes last week to cast a vote after they were told **they could not vote online**. Lots of people complained!



Stars Wars actor John Boyega joined protests in London last week. You'll find out more about this in this lesson!



MPs queuing to go back to work

John Boyega protests



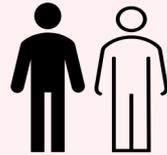
Starter: Is it fair?



Is it fair? (3-5 mins)
Look at each of these actions and use your thumbs to show whether you think that they are fair or unfair.



Not playing with someone because they have a **different skin colour** to you.

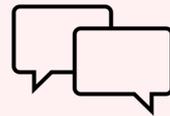


Helping someone who is from the **same country as you before helping others.**



Being friends with someone who has a **different religion** to you.

Using a nickname for someone who **comes from a different country.**



Being **treated the same**, regardless of your race or religion.



Asking questions about someone's culture when it is different to yours.

Will the recent anti-racism protests lead to change in the US?



#BLACKLIVESMATTER

Please Note:

This lesson discusses racism and inequality and may be upsetting or unsuitable for some pupils. We recommend that you read through the lesson before sharing it with your child.



What is racism?



Racism is where someone thinks you're not good enough **because of your colour, ethnicity, nationality or race**. This could mean that **they treat you differently** (racial discrimination) **or bully you** because of your race, ethnicity or culture.

As we grow up, we learn from our friends, family and things we see all around us. **If someone sees or hears racist comments or jokes, they might think that this is normal and start doing it too.**



Racism can also begin as a reaction to the news or a personal experience – for example, if someone had an argument with a green person, they might start to think all green people are unkind. **This is racism too.**

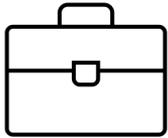


What is racism?



Racism is more than just saying upsetting things. When people in a society hold racist views, **it can affect the way the whole country works**. We call this **systemic racism**.

Systemic racism can be more difficult to see in person, but there are lots of facts and figures that suggest that it is happening in countries like the US. For example:



Black Americans are 2x **more likely to be unemployed** than white Americans¹.

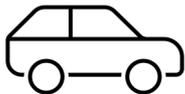


Black Americans are 3x **more likely to be excluded from school** than white Americans².

Only 13% of people in the US are black, yet **40% of the people in prison are black**³.



72% of white Americans own their own house, whereas only 42% of black Americans do⁴.



Black Americans are **30% more likely to be pulled over by the police** when driving⁵.

Challenge:
Imagine that you were a black person living in America. How would you feel about these facts? What would you want to happen?

Question (1 min)
How do these statistics make you feel? Why?



Why are we talking about this?

Recently, there have been **protests across America, in the UK and in other countries** around the world. Many of these have been peaceful, but there have also been fires and violence.



Justice for George



The protests began as a response to **the death of a man named George Floyd** in Minneapolis, a city in the US. A former Minneapolis police officer has been **arrested and charged with murder** over George's death.

Derek Chauvin, who is white, was shown kneeling on George Floyd's neck before he died in a video shared on social media. Since the protests started, he and three other officers have been arrested.





Is a change coming?



Anti-racism protests aren't only happening in America – **they're happening across the whole world.**



UK



Syria

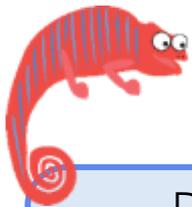
This means that **many more people are learning about racism** and are **taking a stand** against it.

Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely





Is a change coming?

Despite protests **starting peacefully**, a few have **turned violent**, with buildings being set **on fire** and shops being **looted**.

Looting:

Stealing from shops during a violent event.



Other reports say that protests only **became violent after police officers tried to stop them from happening**, or that violence was started by non-protesters. **However, it is impossible to know the truth.**



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Is a change coming?



Influential figures, such as footballers & singers, and **companies** have spoken out about it, which has helped spread awareness.



It has also been **discussed on TV shows, radio channels and across vlogs**, making it **the most talked about topic in the last few weeks**.

Challenge:

Have you seen or heard anyone speaking about racism recently?

Does this show change could be happening?

Not at all

Definitely





Is a change coming?



With protests turning dangerous, US President **Donald Trump** said he was “sickened” by the death of **George Floyd** and that “justice will be served¹”.

He also said he would be **sending the army in to end violent protests¹**, and tweeted that he had **done more for Black Americans than most other presidents³**.

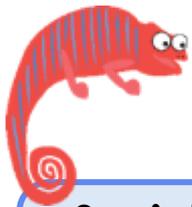
However, **many people are angry and feel that the American Government is not doing enough to tackle racism in America³**.

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Is a change coming?



Social media has been more involved than ever before, with billions of people from all different races **supporting the protests** and **standing up** for the rights of black people.

Last week, there were over **19 million posts** on Instagram using the hashtag **#BlackLivesMatter** and more than **4 billion views on TikTok**.



#blackouttuesday

#blacklivesmatter

28.5M posts

4.2B views

And on Tuesday 2nd June, more than **20 million people took part in an online "blackout"** to show that they supported the protests.

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Is a change coming?



A petition was started on [change.org](https://www.change.org) demanding justice for George; it wants to make sure the police officers that were involved are **arrested and taken to court**.



15,177,649 have signed. Let's get to 16,500,000!



This petition had over **15 million signatures last week**, and is the **biggest petition that change.org has ever had**.

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Definitely





Standing up, speaking out

Clara Amfo
BBC Radio 1 Host

Events like this make me and other black people feel like you want our culture but you don't want us. If you enjoy our culture, you must stand up for our rights too.

Culture:
The way of life of a group of people.



I think that...



Do you agree with Clara? Should everyone stand up for black people's rights?

I'm not sure about...





Standing up, speaking out

Barack Obama,
Former President of the United States

**Watching everyone, of every race,
protest makes me hopeful. We need
to turn our anger into peaceful action
and change to make our country
better.**

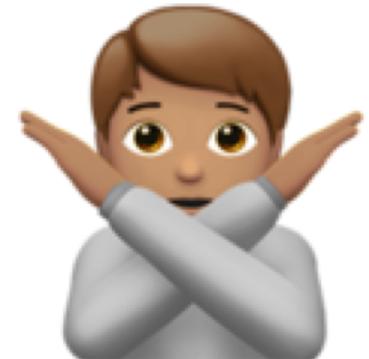


I think that...



Do you agree with
Obama? Will everyone
working together help
bring change?

I'm not sure
about...





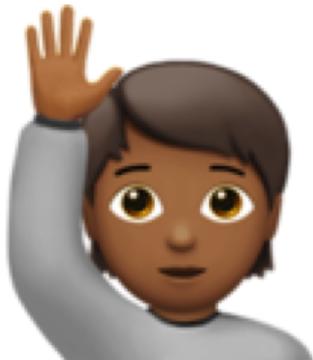
Standing up, speaking out

Priscilla Borker,
Social Worker at the Brooklyn
demonstrations in New York

Coronavirus might kill us, but even if it doesn't the police might. Or losing our jobs and having no money might... So we need to take the risk.

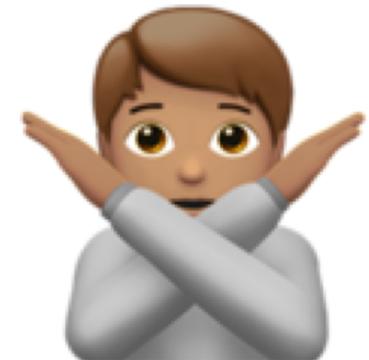


I think that...



Do you agree with Priscilla? How do you think it would feel to live with this fear? Do you think the risks are worth it?

I'm not sure about...



Call to Action

Quick idea



Learn through TV!

Interested in learning more about the Civil Rights Movement? Why not watch this episode of Doctor Who, all about Rosa Parks!



Get involved!

Feeling inspired? Find out how you can get involved and show your support in this week's Home Learning Guide!



2 Taking your VotePack further

What can you do to support the Black Lives Matter movement?
Use some of these ideas to help you.

- Speak up against intolerance and racism.
- Teach others about the barriers being faced.
- Challenge racist stereotypes or assumptions.
- Listen and learn from other people's experiences.
- Use your platform for good and spread this message on social media.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions if you want to know more.
- Learn more about the BLM movement and history. Use the links on the next slide to help you.
- Remember just because it's not happening to you, doesn't mean it's not happening.

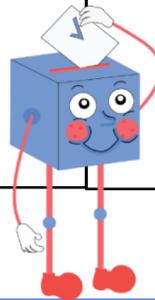
Important: If you do attend a protest, wear a mask, bring hand sanitiser and try to maintain social distancing.

Big idea

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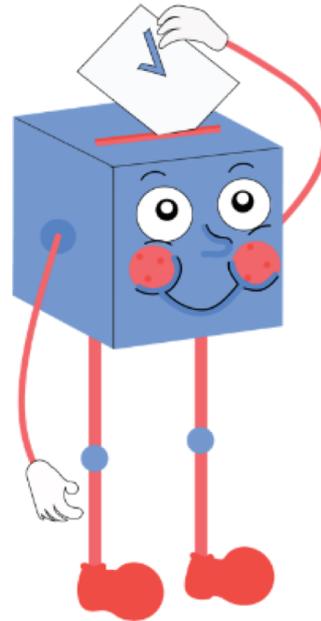
Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The world's reaction to what happened to George Floyd shows that racism will not be accepted anymore.• This protest is bigger and stronger than ever before, with people all over the world taking part. If everyone stands up, there will be no space for racism.• Peaceful protests haven't worked in the past, but this protest is louder and won't stop until change happens.• ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black people are still treated differently in many ways, so we've got a lot more to do more to end racism.• History shows that black people have been protesting for equal rights for many years – this protest helps but we still have a long way to go.• Breaking things and setting fires won't help end racism. We need to educate people and teach them why racism is wrong.• ...





You can vote from home at...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/vfs-primary-ks2-racism>



To have your voice heard!

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[info@votesforschools.com!](mailto:info@votesforschools.com)

