

Understanding Perception Differences

Students write down their responses to the following questions.



1 Picture an old man walking down the street with three young children. What do you think the relationship is between the children and the man? Write down a descriptive response and why you think that is the relationship.



2 Imagine that you are in a bus. You stop at a traffic light and a limousine pulls up next to the bus you are in. Who is in the limousine? Write down a descriptive response and why you think that is who is in the limousine.



Discuss your descriptive responses. How are they explained? Are there similarities and differences? Is anyone right or wrong? Are you able to differentiate the response from the person? Relate this discussion to empathy. Do you think you can practice empathy with someone if you are able to understand that person's interpretation of a situation as separate from the person?



3 Write about a recent conflict which you believe was a result of perception differences. Why do you feel this was because of a perception difference? What is a possible resolution so that it may not happen again? Do you think you would be able to practice a more empathetic response? Think about how you responded to the questions above.