

# Identity and Belonging

#### Learning Objective:

To consider differences between the beliefs of different groups and communities, and how we can show tolerance and understanding.



## What is diversity?

The United Kingdom has a diverse population.



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What do you think this means?

Discuss your ideas.

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### What is diversity?



A diverse population has lots of different people with different qualities, family backgrounds, opinions, ideas, beliefs and religious faiths.

#### What is diversity?

People living in the United Kingdom belong to many different groups and communities. We can think about how people belong to different groups in many different ways:

Their gender

The type of family they have

Their religion

The country their family originally came from

Their sexuality

What are these groups? What do you know about them?

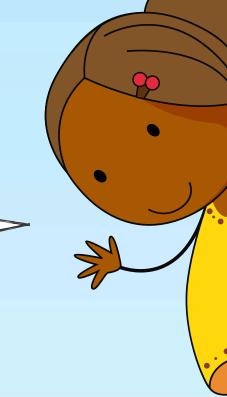






People belong to many different groups.

How many
different groups
and communities do
you belong to?



school

me and my friends

cricket club

cub scouts



my neighbourhood

church

my family



#### Religious groups in the United Kingdom

There are more than 67 million people living in the U.K.



59.5% are Christian
25.7% are non-religious
4.4% are Muslim

1.3% are Hindu

0.7% are Sikh

0.4% are Jewish

0.4% are Buddhist

Small groups are sometimes called 'minority' groups. Not everyone agrees on exactly what this means. Which of these religions do you think might be considered 'minority' groups?



Members of different religious communities do not always agree with each other's views.

People who are not religious may strongly disagree with the beliefs of those who are.

Why might this cause problems for members of 'minority' groups?

Talk to a partner about your ideas.



# Problems experienced by some members of minority faith groups:

Being accused of causing certain problems in society such as crime.

Being criticised for not 'integrating' - which means not taking part in wider society life.

Finding it harder to get a job.

Being called names or being physically attacked.

Being feared or treated with suspicion.

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Tolerance and understanding of those with different beliefs are considered to be important British values.

Today we will be thinking about the ways in which we can show tolerance and understanding through our actions.



#### PLENARY

Think about a religion you have learned about. How are your own beliefs similar?

How are they different?



Discuss your ideas.

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