

# Celebrating Our Unique Differences

*Learning objective: To understand the importance of diversity and inclusion, and to recognise how our unique qualities contribute to a strong, supportive community.*

Read each question carefully and provide thoughtful answers. Think about how our differences make our school and local community a more interesting and vibrant place to be.

In our community, every individual is like a different piece of a grand puzzle. While we all have different backgrounds, talents, and appearances, we all belong together. Diversity means valuing these differences, while inclusion means making sure everyone feels welcome and heard. When we embrace what makes us different, we learn more from each other and create a kinder, more colourful world.

*Word bank: Diversity · Inclusion · Stereotype · Perspective · Empathy · Community · Uniqueness*

**1. Max the monkey says that everyone in his class should like the same games so they can get along. Explain why diversity actually makes a group stronger and more interesting. (2 marks)**

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**2. Define the word 'inclusion' in your own words. Give one example of how you could make a new student feel included in your playground at lunchtime. (2 marks)**

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**3. What is a 'stereotype'? Explain why relying on stereotypes can stop us from getting to know the real person behind the label. (2 marks)**

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**4. Pip the caterpillar is worried that her small size makes her less important than others. Write a short, encouraging message to Pip about why her unique perspective is valuable to the group. (2 marks)**

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5. Imagine a classroom where everyone thinks and acts exactly the same way. Why might this be a disadvantage for solving problems or learning new things? (2 marks)

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**Draw:** Draw a 'Community Quilt' where each square represents a different culture, hobby, or physical trait of the people in your class. Ensure every square looks different but fits together to make one big, beautiful picture.



*Extension challenge: Research a historical figure who worked to promote equality or inclusion. Write three sentences explaining what they achieved and how their actions changed society for the better.*