

#UNSTEREOTYPE

Complete the sentences and defeat some stereotypes.



but that doesn't make him a boy.

but that doesn't make her a girl.

but that doesn't make him a geek.

but that doesn't make her a nobody.

but that doesn't make him a criminal.

but that doesn't make her a bad mother.

but that doesn't him a bad father.

but that doesn't make her a monster.

Generalizing / Stereotyping

Generally,

Usually,

As a rule

Without exception

Generally speaking

Time and time again

Most of the time

Again and again

So often

By and large

Every so often

From time to time

Every now and then

Once in a while

Teachers

Politicians

Dog lovers

Men

Teenagers

The elderly

My neighbors

My best friend

Hockey players

Drug addicts

Pets

The blind

Marriage

Scientists

Smokers

Professors

Women

Poets

Parents

Monks

Just Because

Just because I am _____,

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am _____.

Just because I am _____,

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am _____.

Just because I am _____,

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am _____.

Just because I am _____,

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am not _____

I am _____.

Just Because

Anonymous teen girl, San Diego CA

Just because I am Mexican,

Doesn't mean I speak Spanish

Doesn't mean I am "illegal"

Doesn't mean I'm illiterate

I am a good reader.

Just because I am a girl,

Doesn't mean I like to shop

Doesn't mean I am boy crazy

Doesn't mean I can't play sports

I am a loyal friend.

Just because I'm Catholic,

Doesn't mean I go to church

Doesn't mean I read the bible

Doesn't mean I am better than you

I am a nice person.

Just because I am young,

Doesn't mean I am naïve

Doesn't mean I don't care

Doesn't mean I will "understand someday"

I am a human being.

Stereotypes

Often, stereotypes are all around us, and we may engage in them without even thinking about it. Complete the following sentences, then find a partner and discuss the questions that follow.

- a) All athletes are _____
- b) People on welfare are _____
- c) He's a cheap _____
- d) Drugs are used by _____
- e) Homosexuals are _____
- f) All politicians are _____
- g) People with AIDS are _____
- h) Homeless people are _____
- i) All Christian Fundamentalists are _____
- j) Male hairdressers are _____
- k) Male ballet dancers are _____
- l) All Jewish mothers are _____
- m) All Harvard graduates are _____
- n) All construction workers are _____
- o) He's so dumb, he must be _____
- p) He's so smart, he must be _____
- q) He's quick-tempered, so he must be _____
- r) He drinks like a fish, so he must be _____

Discussion Question:

1. Is there any prejudice or bigotry evident in your answers? If so, where?

2. What can you change in your own life to overcome habits of stereotyping?
