

Stereotypes and Misconceptions



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What are stereotypes and misconceptions?

Definitions:

Stereotype: A widely held but oversimplified and generalized belief or idea about a particular group of people.

Example: "All teenagers are irresponsible."

Misconception: A view or opinion that is incorrect because it is based on faulty thinking or understanding.

Example: "You can catch a cold by going outside with wet hair."

Decide if the sentence is an example of a stereotype or a misconception

All bears hibernate during the winter.

stereotype misconception

Only male lions have manes.

misconception stereotype

Sharks are dangerous to humans.

misconception stereotype

All plants need sunlight to grow.

misconception stereotype

Venomous snakes are aggressive and will attack humans.

stereotype misconception

Deserts are always hot.

stereotype misconception

All birds can fly.

misconception stereotype

Dolphins are friendly to humans.

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Reflect on stereotypes and misconceptions

Name a stereotype you have encountered in your life. How did it make you feel?

Describe a time when you realized a misconception you had about a group of people was wrong. What changed your perspective?

Explain why it is important to question our own biases and assumptions about others.
