

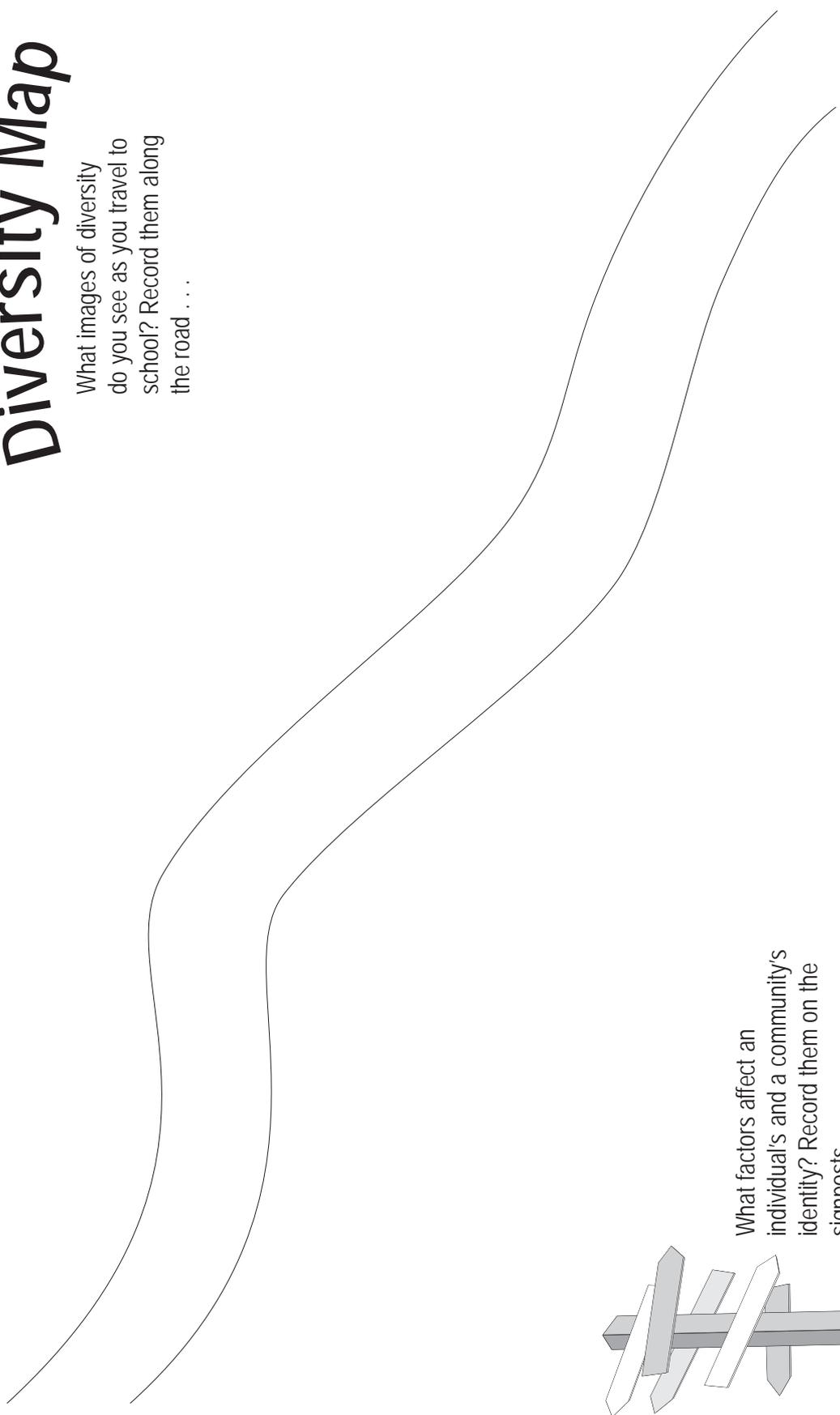
Local and Global Citizenship

activity sheets for unit 2

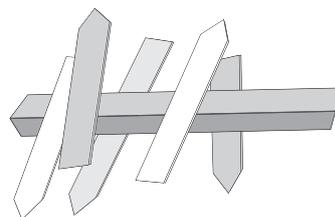


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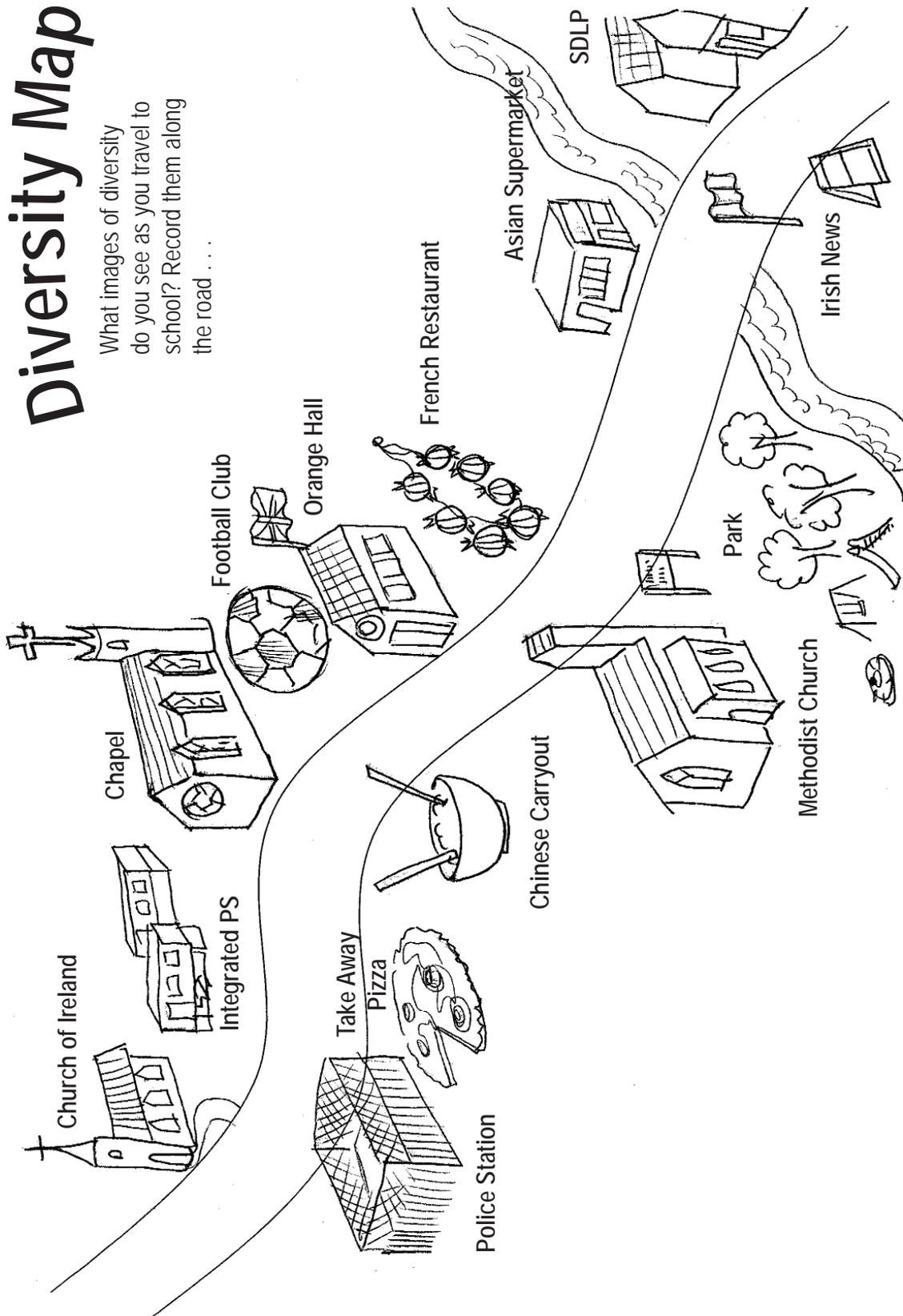


What factors affect an individual's and a community's identity? Record them on the signposts . . .



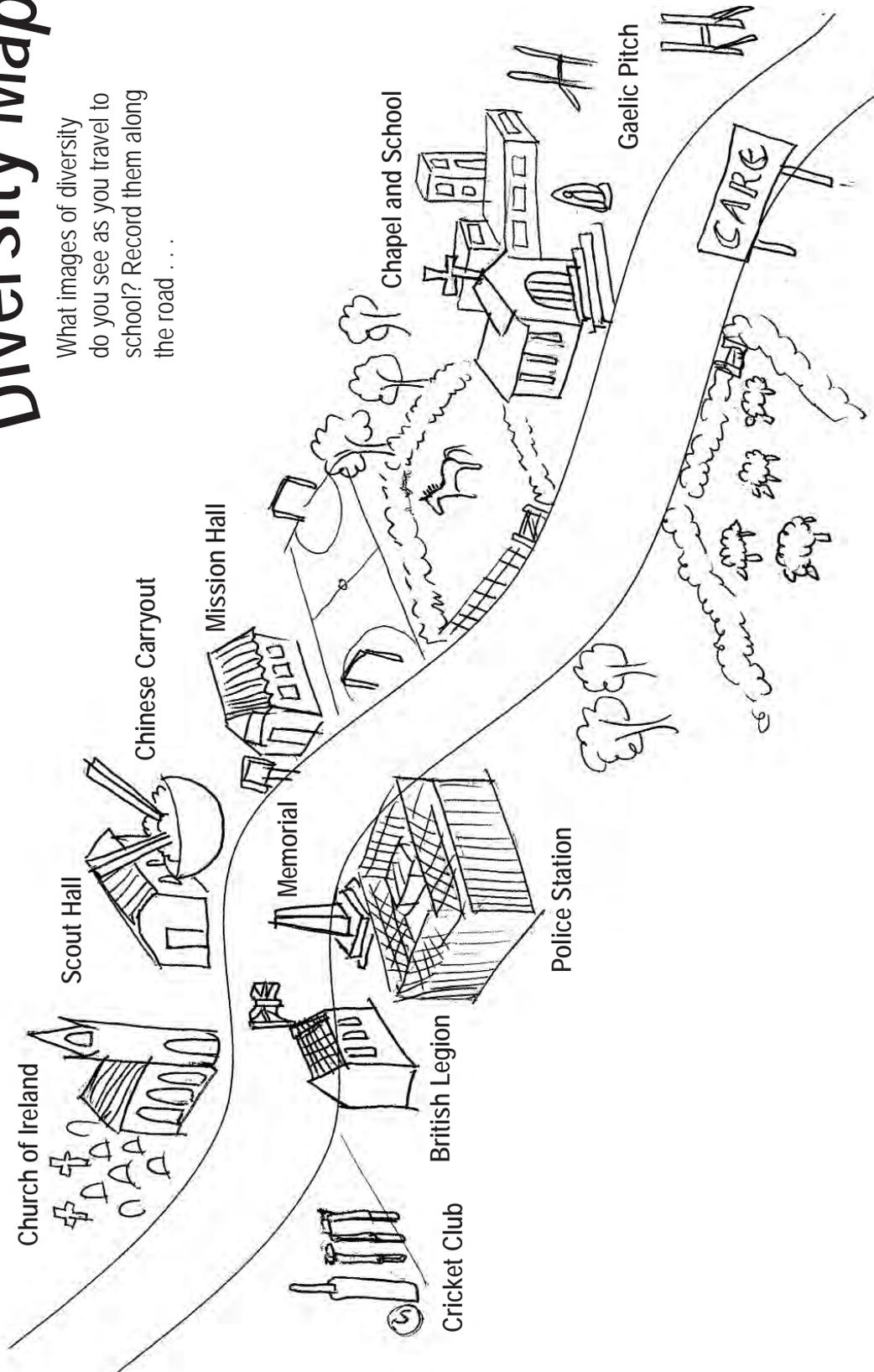
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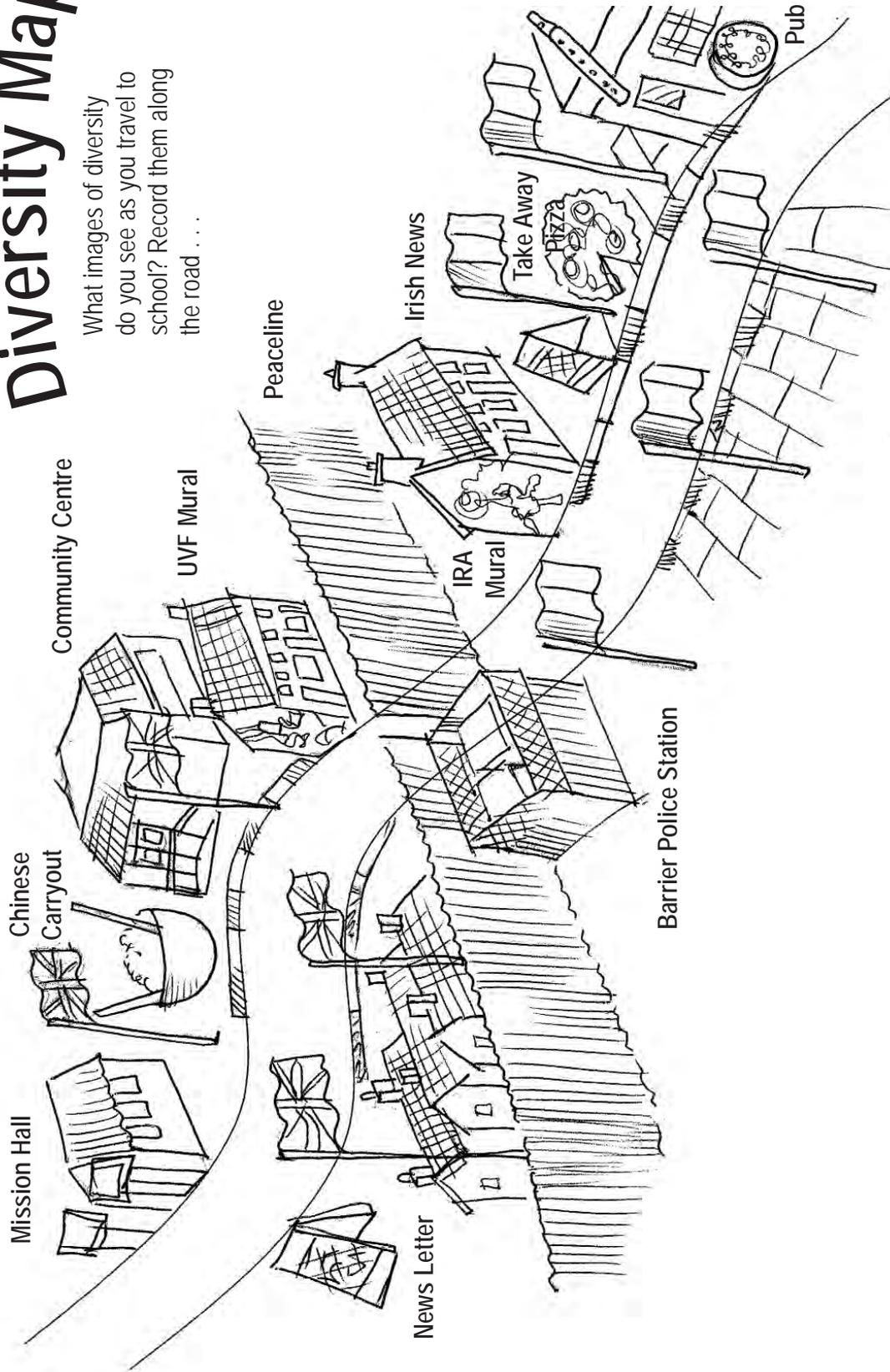
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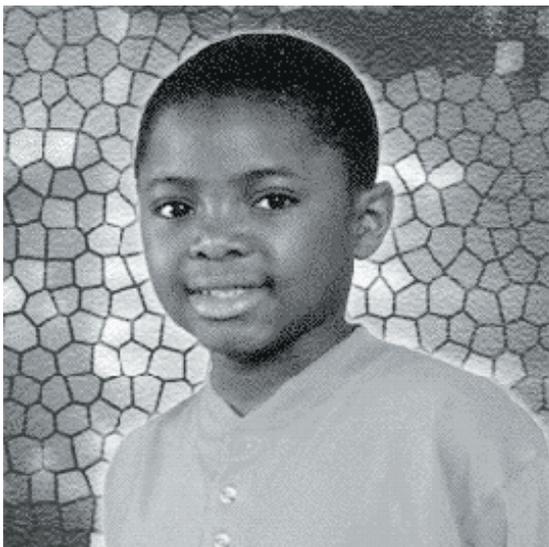
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If the World contained 100 people.... exercise

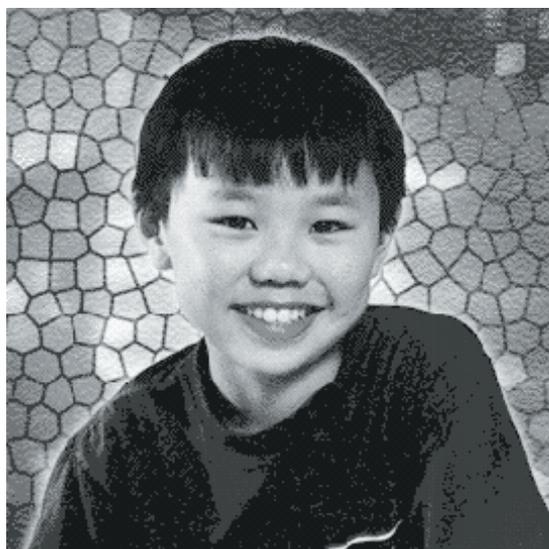
- 1 How many Europeans would there be?
- 2 How many Asians would there be?
- 3 How many North Americans would there be?
- 4 How many Africans would there be?
- 5 How many Christians would there be?
- 6 How many Muslims would there be?
- 7 How many Hindu people would there be?
- 8 How many would speak English?
- 9 How many would speak Mandarin (spoken in China and other parts of Asia)?
- 10 How many would speak Arabic?
- 11 How many would speak Russian?
- 12 How many would speak Spanish?



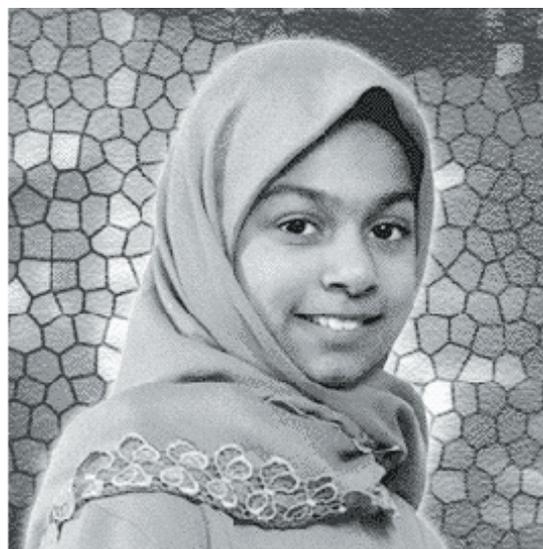
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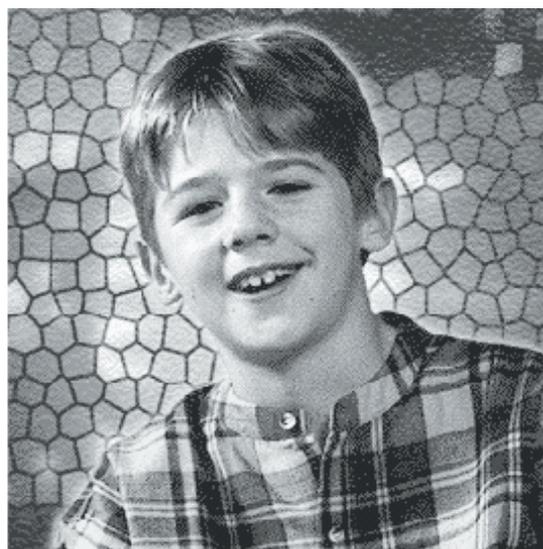
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CHARLIE

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NATALIE

Card A

I was born in Nigeria and came to live in Ireland when I was 6 yrs old. I live in an apartment in Belfast. I wear casual clothes. I don't wear traditional Nigerian clothes but perhaps I will when I am grown up. Yam is one of my favourite foods. You pull some yam mixture with your fingers and dip it into a sauce. My sister and I are cub scouts and like it when we go camping.

Card B

I live near Tralee in County Kerry. I live in a farmhouse. Our house is a guesthouse. I prefer casual clothes. Have you ever tasted Colcannon? It is an old Irish dish and is very tasty. We get tourists from all over the world. I play the tin whistle and am learning now to play the bódhran. I like to play sport – hurling especially.

Card C

I live with my mother and two brothers in a small rural town in County Down. My grandparents live in Scotland. My Mum still has a Scottish accent even though she has lived here a long time! I love my gran's dreamin' bread. Here we call it shortbread. I go to gymnastics club three times a week. I keep a diary and write in it every day.

Card D

I was born in Co Antrim and have lived near Antrim for all of my life. We live very close to the countryside. I have close links with my Indian roots. I wear Indian clothing for special occasions. We eat Indian food often. My favourites are Naan bread and rice with hot spicy food and dips. I am a Brownie. I go to Irish dance classes.

Card E

I am a Traveller. I live on a Travellers' site in County Tyrone with my family and travel in our trailer. I like casual and comfortable clothes. I like most food. I'm not the best of cooks but can make Chinese noodles. At school I enjoy the computer. I like to take photographs of people.

Card F

I live with my father and brother in Belfast. My family has lived in the same area for a very long time. A crispy pancake meal is my favourite meal and is a treat for me! I like to write and draw stories about a cat, Muffle. He's only an imaginary cat. One day I'd like to be a dancing champion like my gran.

Card G

I live in and was born in Dublin. My family came from South Africa. My father came here to train as a doctor. At school I wear a uniform, but at weekends I choose something more colourful! My favourite food is shawrma. It is like a snack . . . a filling is put into pitta bread. I like swimming and basketball.

Card H

I live in Belfast with my family who own a bakery. We live above our bakery shop. I never wear Chinese traditional clothes I like tee shirts best. My favourite food is a Chinese meal – chow mein! Chinese food is often cooked in a wok – it is a quick method of cooking and the food has lots of flavour. I'm learning to play the violin.

Bigot	A person who is strongly prejudiced especially regarding race, religion or politics.
Discrimination	To treat someone unfairly usually because of their religion, race, gender, culture.
Prejudice	A personal judgement or opinion of someone based on very little knowledge or fact.
Racism	To discriminate against people because of their colour, race, nationality or ethnic origin.
Scapegoat	A person or group who is blamed for all the things that go wrong.
Stereotype	Ideas we hold about a particular type of person or group because of attitudes we have learned.

Case Study 1

Jillian's Story

I've experienced a lot of cultural diversity in Northern Ireland, I mean I was Jewish, and my two best friends were a Protestant and a Catholic! What more could you ask for? My parents always wanted as much racial diversity as possible in my environment. I was never sent to a protestant or catholic but an integrated school – on the very premise that I would mix with other races and creeds . . . Then when I was about 13 or 14, I was bullied, and towards the end they started bringing my religion into it. They would say things like "Heil Hitler" and "all Jews should die". The bullying had been going on for a while with all sorts of taunts, but I could handle those. It was only when they started using religion

that it really got to me; I realised I had to do something about it. I wouldn't even say they targeted me because I was Jewish: it was just another piece of ammunition they could throw, and it was one that hurt. The things about the school was that there were Hindus, Christians, Muslims, Chinese, Koreans – you name it, they'd all been there and I'd seen them experience hatred. But until then I'd never been on the receiving end. Normally the school came down on any racial harassment like a ton of bricks. But I found they didn't really know how to handle my problem. Instead of punishing the girls who were teasing me, they spent more time checking to see if I was okay and I don't

think that worked – they should have come down harder on the bullies. I will never ever forget the Heil Hitler taunts. They made me realise what it must be like for people who experience racism every day of their lives – something you don't fully understand until you become a victim. Living here you do see what happens when two religious groups clash, and you think, "Is it worth it?" A lot of people in England generally don't understand the whole northern Irish thing, asking is it not like living in a war zone – its just what they see on TV I suppose. But it's not like that – my 18 years here have been the happiest of my life.

Adapted from The Belfast Telegraph, 9 April 2001

Case Study 2

Tony's Story

My name is Tony, I'm Hong Kong Chinese. My family came to Northern Ireland over twenty-five years ago to run their own restaurant and take-away business in Portadown. They came because they saw a good business opportunity and their instinct proved right because now the family run restaurants and take-aways in Armagh, Portadown and Tandragee. Despite this business success, our family in common with other Chinese families, have faced our share of racist abuse. On my first day at school I was mobbed. Few people had seen a Chinese person before. They kept following me around, asking me to speak Chinese. At first it was curiosity, but then there

were those who turned nasty. I had to learn to ignore it. It's been the same whenever I've been working in one of the family's take-aways. You just put comments down to drink. People come in, insult you, then want to buy food – ironic really. Again, all you can do is ignore it. When you're inside your own social group you're fine. It's when you step outside that safe group that you encounter problems. Going to Queen's University where there are so many different races, I felt the pressure of being different had been taken off me, though people did keep labelling me a Malaysian. My parents still need their children to translate for them if they go to the doctors or something like that. It's a lot

easier for our generation – we have had to adapt to this culture to survive. I think it's unlikely that I'll keep up Chinese traditions. My parents' friends are all Chinese and meet regularly with the Chinese community in the Botanic area of Belfast. On the whole, the Chinese community tend to stick to themselves whereas I've been through the school system so my friends are Northern Irish. I have been quite lucky in that my parents are fairly liberal. My brother is married to a white girl and my parents supported him in that. I know a lot of people in the Chinese community who would really disapprove of that.

Adapted from The Belfast Telegraph, 3 May 1995

Case Study 3

Mark's Story

My name is Mark, I'm a Traveller and I was born in Dublin in the late 1970s. I lived in the Dunsink/Finglas area of the city where my family made a good living in the car parts business, as well as recycling scrap. In 1984 my family decided to move to England, taking the ferry from Belfast, but when we got to the city, we pulled into the Glen Road camp for the night and ended up staying. My mother and father are originally from Belfast, but had to move because of the Troubles when they got married in the early 1970s. When I first arrived in Belfast, I went to a travellers only school. But I didn't notice this at the time because I was used to segregation: for instance, in Dublin, all the Travellers who were on social welfare had to sign on at the same time and same place in the city centre (it was the same for Travellers in Belfast). In school we didn't get a proper education, because there was no national curriculum and no

transferral system to secondary schools for young Travellers that had an interest in a particular subject. Also in the school there was no playground and no cafeteria. It's only now that schools are changing. As I have said, I didn't realise that segregation was racist at the time, but growing up I started to notice that Travellers were discriminated against. Growing up in West Belfast, I did encounter what you would call overt racism – that is, young people calling us gypsos and tinkers – and then there was covert racism – this is where my friends and me were turned away from youth clubs etc. with lame excuses, like "We're full". Then there is institutional racism, like for the past 30 years the Glen Road camp has had no electricity and no sanitation facilities. This is because of the inaction of government agencies, DOE and the City Council. This still affects the psychological and physical health of the Travellers living in

these conditions. Although the City Council attempted to build accommodation for the Travellers on that particular camp, they made a complete hash of the whole development, resulting in sub-standard accommodation with faulty materials and lack of consultation with the community. A similar site was being developed for the Monagh Road camp and in that case the whole development had to be literally pulled down because what they developed was of a flawed design. I am not saying that racism only exists here in Belfast it exists everywhere. For instance, back in Dublin, there was an "official" Travellers site across the road from our camp and there was a warden and his Alsatian dog that was "in charge of" that site. This suggested that Travellers should be watched and needed to be kept in line. I suppose this happened everywhere at that time. These sites were like reservations the way Travellers were and are treated.

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Responding to Racism: Report Feedback Sheet

Case Study Profile

Name of individual in case study:
Which **ethnic group** do they belong to?
Where do they **live**?
Interesting **facts** about this individual:

Belonging to an ethnic group

What are the **exciting** aspects of belonging to this group?

What are the **difficult** aspects of belonging to this group?

Responding to the difficult aspects

What did the **individual** in the case study do to cope with these difficult aspects themselves?

What did **others** do to help?

What **else** could have been done to help?
Think about what other individuals, society or the government could do.
Make **three** recommendations.

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Acceptable to Express?

Put the speech bubbles into one of three categories: "acceptable to express" or "unacceptable to express" or "not sure". Decide by discussing in a small group **why** you feel this to be the case by looking for statements that show disrespect or hatred for others' political, cultural or religious beliefs.

Statement 1

Christians are not sectarian

Statement 2

They're Protestants and they're bad because they want to kill Catholics.

Statement 3

My daughter does Irish dancing and my 15 year old son thinks this is terrible, that she's mixing with, as he calls them, Taigs

Statement 5

The only thing that they have in their community is bands or parades, and I mean I wouldn't want my child to do that.

Statement 4

I always heard that you never trusted Catholics, they can't be trusted. And you'll know them because their eyes are close together, and they kick with the wrong foot.

Statement 6

I wouldn't be comfortable in a Protestant/Catholic Church

Statement 7

Well Catholics get more money from the dole, so they do, for doing nothing – they just sit there and don't even work.

Statement 8

If we want a good house we've to buy our house, but, whereas them ones are getting that house for nothing . . .

Statement 9

I wouldn't go out with one of them.

Statement 10

My Da says Protestants are no craic.

Statement 11

If Catholics want a United Ireland they should go and live in the South.

Statement 12

Some of my best friends are Protestant/Catholic.

Statement 13

Prods think they own this country sticking their flags up everywhere.

