

## 35.Prejudice

**P**rejudice is a negative or hostile attitude, opinion, or feeling toward a person or group, formed without adequate knowledge, thought, or reason, and based on negative stereotypes. Prejudice is based on prejudgment and often leads to discrimination, actions that limit some persons or group's choices and opportunities. Prejudices are attitudes rooted in ignorance and a fear of differences. Whether the seeds are planted around the dinner table, on the playing field, or in the classroom, they can grow out of control, like weeds in a flower garden. Even worse, when not uprooted, prejudices are carried from generation to generation and can fuel victimization, bigotry, and hatred. However, the good news is that no one is born prejudiced. Since prejudice is learned, it can be unlearned. With awareness, education, and action, it can be weeded out.

### **Comprehension**

1. What is the difference between prejudice and discrimination?
2. Over time, what are the probable results of prejudice?
3. So, what's the good news?

### **Your opinion**

1. How do we learn prejudice?
2. Who do you think are more prejudiced, children or adults? Why do you think so?
3. Why is it hard to free ourselves from prejudices?
4. Talk about ways of ending the cycle of prejudice.