

LESSON 3: RESOURCE 4

Role Play Cards

Divide the cards between a group of 5 people and give them 3 minutes to read their card. Set the scene and ask the group to role play what happens next in the scenario. Develop the role play and at certain moments stop the role play. Teacher to tap the shoulder of a pupil outside the role play and ask for their view and what should happen next (thought tapping). Depending upon the view expressed, the group pick up the role play adapting to the new situation or information provided. Repeat the process as many times as you want. Other pupils may wish to engage in the role play and take on a new character. So allow that to happen. The aim is that all are involved in the drama convention in different ways.

Characters

Muslim mother: Sheema

You are a practising Muslim and believe in one God called Allah, who is the creator of the universe. You believe that life is a test and that we will be accountable for our actions in the afterlife. How we have lived our life on earth will affect whether we go to heaven or hell in the next life. Following the laws in the Quran is absolutely vital and so Muslim men are generally not allowed to marry non-Muslim women.

Muslim Father: Mabud

Your goal is to please Allah in everything you do and to make you a better person. Generally you feel that in Britain that respect for people with religious beliefs is declining. It is difficult to bring God into anything because you feel so many are against Muslims. You think it is very important to remain loyal to your faith but try to break down barriers and misconceptions between Muslims and non-Muslim families.

Muslim Girl : Fatima 19

Fatima's parents and Ismail's parents believe that Ismail and Fatima are right for each other and want them to marry. Fatima wants to please her parents and agrees for the families to get them together. Fatima finds out that Ismail does not agree with arranged marriages and that he wants to go out with Sarah.

Muslim Son: Ismail 19

You are a Muslim and believe the same as your parents, that we will be judged in the next life depending upon how well you have obeyed the will of Allah. However, you do not want your parents to arrange a marriage for yourself but choose your own partner You have been born and brought up in the UK and believe it is your right to choose whom to marry.

Non Muslim Girl: Sarah 19

You come from a non-religious family and do not believe in God or the afterlife. You have fallen in love with Ismail and you want to go out with him. Your parents are very unhappy for you to go with a Muslim boy and Ismail's parents are not happy either. You do not like to cause trouble with your parents.

Scenarios

1. Imagine the scene between Ismail and his parents when he wants to go out with Sarah. What happens next?
2. Imagine the scene between Fatima and Ismail when she finds out that Ismail does not want to follow her and his parent's wishes. What happens next?
3. Imagine the scene when Ismail's parents find Ismail has gone out with a non-Muslim girl. What happens next?
4. Imagine the scene when Sarah explains to Ismail's parents why she wants to go out with Ismail. What happens next?