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Demystifying Differences

An activity "Fearsome aliens inspired by nature"

Aliens in movies may be fun to watch, and we may marvel at how real they look (see page 18-19, *What's Up* July 2017). It may not be so much fun, though, to be considered an alien yourself. Sometimes, without realising it, we treat unfamiliar people like aliens. To alienate a fellow human being is unkind. We can do something about this tendency. A first step is to learn more about unfamiliar communities.

WHAT TO DO: Work in pairs. List any three communities of foreigners found in Singapore but unfamiliar to both of you. For this activity, a community is defined as a group of people who share a common ethnicity, religion, country of origin or even profession. Then, think about what you would like to find out about each community. Next, if you know members of the communities, ask them your questions. Otherwise, look for answers online or at the library. Share your findings with your class.

	Unfamiliar Communities	Our Questions or Doubts	The Answers & Explanations	Our Sources of Information
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DON'T STOP HERE. Continue to ask questions about different communities you come across. And, listen hard to the answers. Learning about other cultures helps you to understand the world better. And, thanks to you, less people would feel alienated!