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Girls or Boys?

An activity of "People show they can care for forests"

Read **"People show they can care for forests"** (page 8, *What's Up* July 2020). The community-run concession areas have provided women with more opportunities to work. Today, women in these concession areas have all sorts of jobs in sectors such as tourism, farming, and even logging. Although there is still a long way to go, these women have managed to overcome many gender biases in their communities.

However, it is not just these women who face such issues. Every day, women and girls across the world face gender stereotypes. A stereotype is strong, rigid belief about a group of people. Many times, these beliefs are not based on facts. Stereotypes can lead to people being treated very unfairly.

In the section below, you will find several examples of gender stereotypes.

Some common gender stereotypes

<p>Boys are tougher. Boys are better at making things. Boys are better leaders.</p>	<p>Girls are more caring. Girls are better at cleaning. Girls are better at talking.</p>
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1. Think about these statements. Then, explain why these stereotypes are wrong in the space provided.

Here are some questions you might want to consider before you start writing:

- a) Which of these statements do you find the most ridiculous? Why?
- b) For each stereotype, give an example of someone who proves it is wrong.
- c) Why are gender stereotypes bad?
- d) What can we do to make sure we do not unfairly stereotype people?
