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## Flowers that Bite

*An activity of Stories of Casual Racism*

Sometimes, when someone compliments us, it can feel strangely unpleasant, almost like receiving flowers that bite! This activity takes a closer look at such compliments.

- 1) Go to <http://more.whatsup.sg/> and read “Was that a compliment or insult?”. Study the illustration that accompanies the article.

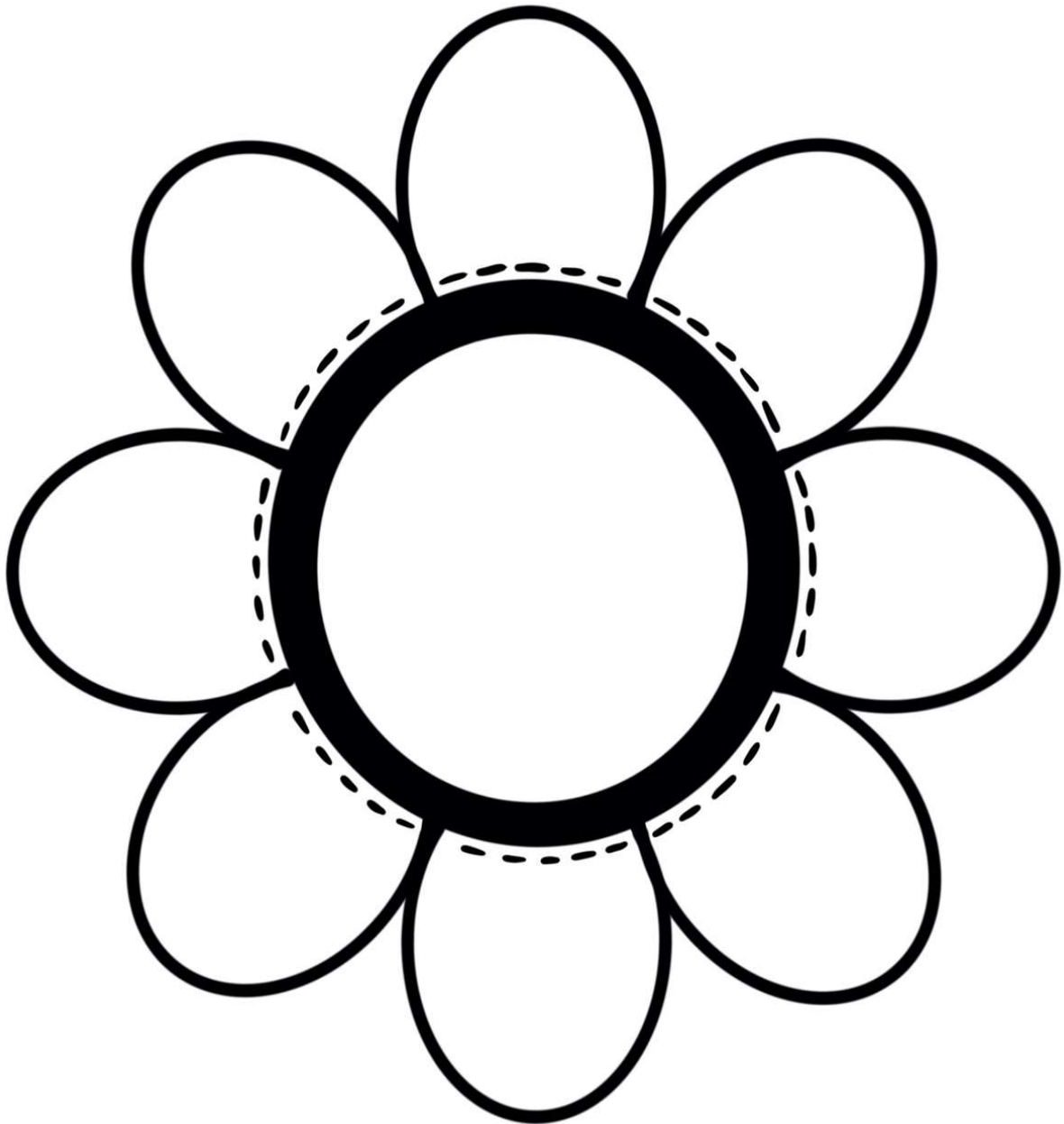
Like a compliment that is insulting at the same time, the artwork has some images that look both pretty and nasty. Find three such images and explain why you picked the three. An example is done for you.

Pretty, yet nasty image	Why I say so
Example: <i>the sunflowers with sunglasses</i>	<i>Though they are smiling and look cool with their sunglasses, they have teeth. They can bite!</i>
a.	
b.	
c.	

- 2) List two examples from the article — or from real life — where a compliment insulted the person receiving it. Explain why the compliment was insulting. Replace it with better words that do not “bite”.

Insulting Compliment	Why it is insulting	How I would rephrase it
a.		
b.		

3a) Write a sincere compliment to a friend in the middle of the Blooming Flower template below. Colour and decorate the flower.



3b) Cut out your flower, fold along the dotted lines, and present the lower with folded petals to a friend. Ask your friend to float it on water. The flower will then magically bloom to reveal your message!

