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How Are We Alike?

An activity of Stories of Casual Racism

If you go to go to <http://more.whatsup.sg/>, you will find a set of stories about casual racism. Read two or three of them. Very soon, you would notice something common to all the stories — they are about how people may, without even meaning to, hurt the feelings of those who are different from them in one way or another.

Sometimes, we pay too much attention to the differences that we might forget what we have in common with one another. To be one united nation, we have to be aware of both the differences and commonalities. For this activity, let's focus on similarities.

- 1) List six very different and unrelated objects. Divide them randomly into two groups. Fill in the table below, using the example given as a guide.

	Objects	Similarities among all objects in each group
Example	a) cup b) shoe c) flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They are solids.• They are waterproof.• They can be very colorful.
Group 1	a) b) c)	
Group 2	a) b) c)	

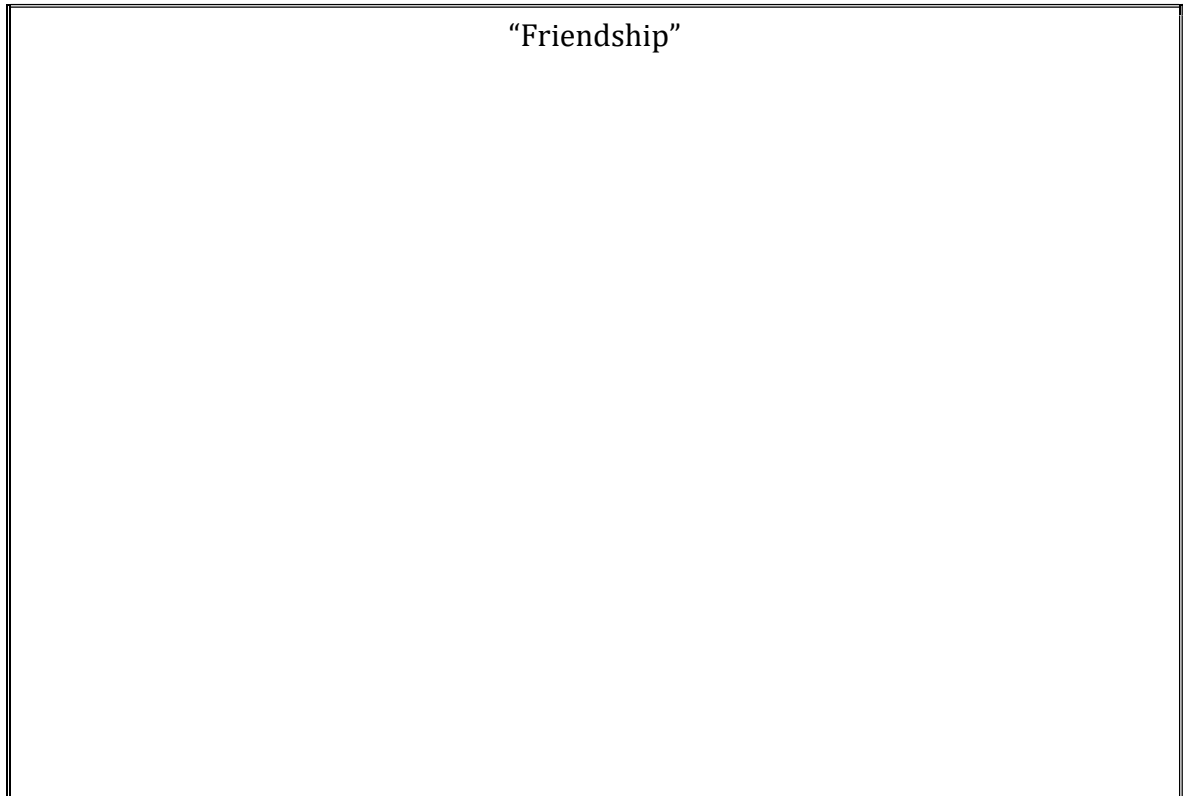
The above task shows us that as long as we think hard enough, it is possible find similarities among objects that are different. The same goes for finding similarities among different people.

- 2) Think of someone who is very different from you. Can you find some similarities between both of you? List them below.

<p><i>We are different and alike. Our similarities:</i></p>

- 3) Work with two different materials that do not usually go together e.g. crayons and ketchup, leaves and paperclips, rubber bands and salt etc. Using the two materials, to create an artwork. Think of how you can bind the materials together into a cohesive piece titled, "Friendship".

"Friendship"



- 4) Think of someone very different from you whom you would like get closer to. What do you have in common with this person? Are there ways in which your commonalities may help your friendship to grow?

My ideas for growing a friendship based on similarities:

