



EduTrend Contents

P4C · DIVERSITY AND DIFFERENCE · PRIMARY

Same and Different

A patchwork cat starts an enquiry into difference

Ages 5–7

Level: Foundation

30 minutes

Whole class circle · up
to 30

Activity 01

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ACTIVITY 01 · AT A GLANCE

Same and Different

The facilitator tells the story of Patch, a cat made of many coloured squares, who lives among grey cats. Patch tries to become grey, but the other cats miss the colours. Children find ways they are the same as and different from a partner, then create questions and vote on one, such as “Is it good to be different?”

Learning outcomes

By the end of the session pupils can:

- name similarities and differences;
- ask a question about difference;
- give a reason;
- listen to others.

KEY WORDS

same · different · special · colour · like · everyone

CURRICULUM LINKS

PSHE: respecting differences. Art: patchwork patterns. Maths: sorting.

1**STIMULUS**

Share something to think about

2**THINK**

Quiet thinking time

3**QUESTION**

Create and choose a question

4**ENQUIRE**

Reason together

5**BUILD**

Agree, disagree, add

6**REFLECT**

Last words

Materials (per class)

- Patch story and pictures
- Question and thinking-move cards
- Worksheets 1, 2 and 3

Before the session

- Read the stimulus and note possible concepts.
- Prepare question and thinking-move cards.
- Set out a circle so everyone can see each other.
- Print the worksheets.

SAFETY

Focus on likes, skills and preferences. Do not ask children to compare bodies or family backgrounds.

ACTIVITY 01 · SESSION PLAN

Step by step

Stay neutral: ask for reasons, examples and counter-examples rather than giving your own view.

Time	What happens	Say or ask
0–5 min Stimulus	Tell the story of Patch the patchwork cat.	<i>“What did you notice?”</i>
5–12 min Questions	Pupils create questions in pairs and vote on one.	<i>“Which question is most interesting to talk about?”</i>
12–26 min Enquiry	Enquire into the chosen question, building on each other’s ideas.	<i>“Is it good to be different?”</i>
26–30 min Last words	Each person says one last thought or passes.	<i>“Has your thinking changed?”</i>

CHALLENGE CARD (print or copy onto the board)

Say whether it is good to be different and why.

ACTIVITY 01 · FACILITATOR NOTES

The philosophy in brief

Noticing sameness and difference is one of the first ways children make sense of the world.

A story character lets children think about fitting in and standing out without talking about themselves.

Common ideas to listen for

- “Different means wrong.” Difference is normal.
- “Friends must be the same.” Friends can differ.
- “Everyone should try to fit in.” Being yourself matters too.

Adapting the activity

Support

Find one similarity and one difference.

Stretch

Ask: what would a world where everyone was the same be like?

WORKSHEET 1

Me and my partner

Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Draw and write.

Me and my partner

Same	Different

WORKSHEET 2

Thinking moves

Use these in the enquiry.

Thinking moves

Thinking move	My example
I agree with... because...	
I disagree with... because...	
An example is...	
A counter-example is...	
Building on what... said...	

WORKSHEET 3

Last words

Before and after.

Would it be better if everyone were the same? Before the enquiry I thought...

Now I think... because...

FOR THE TEACHER

Assessment checklist

Use during the session. One sheet covers up to eight pupils; copy as needed.

Pupil	Names differences	Gives a reason	Listens to others

Suggested codes: W = working towards · E = expected · G = greater depth

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

Same and Different is a sample activity from the EduTrend Contents P4C Diversity and Difference programme (primary, level: foundation). Every activity in the programme follows the same format: a practical challenge, a clear session plan, facilitator notes and ready-to-print worksheets, so that teachers, club leaders and parents can run it without extra preparation.

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