



Primary

# That's a Stereotype!

## Part 1

### A. Complete with things you like.



Free-time activities: \_\_\_\_\_

School subjects: \_\_\_\_\_

Colors: \_\_\_\_\_



Toys and games: \_\_\_\_\_

TV shows: \_\_\_\_\_

A job I want to do: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Work in pairs. Which things do you think are for boys and which are for girls? Write B (boys) or G (girls), or E (for both everyone).



I like playing with cars.

I like to jump rope.



I like cooking.

I like dancing.



I like playing soccer.

I want to be a nurse.



I want to be a pilot.

I like science.



jump rope  
soccer



skipping  
football



Part 2

A. Read the article about stereotypes. Choose the best definition of a stereotype.

We all have ideas about certain things. Sometimes, the ideas are opinions that are too simple or too general to be true. For example, people often think that all girls like pink, or that all boys like soccer. These are called stereotypes. It is true that some girls and boys like those things, but not all of them.



From a young age, we have ideas about what it means to be a boy or a girl, which things boys and girls like, and how boys and girls should act. These ideas come from our family, TV, the internet, and what we see in the world.



Stereotypes are only ideas and opinions, but they can be harmful. When people believe stereotypes, they treat people differently. Sometimes, stereotypes can stop you from doing things that you enjoy. Sometimes, they make it hard for you to like what you like and be yourself.

A stereotype is ...

- a) when people think that all people from a group are the same.
- b) when our opinions are not always right.
- c) when boys and girls like the same things.

B. Read the article again. Choose T (true) or F (false).

- 1. Stereotypes are opinions that are only partly true. T F
- 2. We start to get stereotypical ideas when we are older. T F
- 3. These ideas come from many different people, things, and places. T F
- 4. It's OK to believe stereotypes because they are just ideas and opinions. T F
- 5. Some people don't do what they want because of stereotypes. T F

C. Check (✓) the stereotypes.

- 1. All girls like reading.
- 2. Some girls like to play soccer.
- 3. All children like to draw.
- 4. All children who wear glasses are smart.
- 5. Some boys like pink and purple.
- 6. All boys like superheroes.
- 7. Some children like to sing.



**Part 3**

**A. Read the descriptions of two famous people. What stereotypes do they not fit? Complete the texts.**



Alex Morgan is a soccer player. She plays for the United States National Team. Alex didn't start to play organized soccer until she was 14 years old. Now, she is an Olympic gold medalist. She does not fit the stereotype that \_\_\_\_\_.



Carlos Acosta is a ballet dancer. He was born in Cuba. He danced with many ballet companies around the world. Now, he has his own dance company. He does not fit the stereotype that \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Write about a person you admire who does not fit a stereotype. Draw or find and paste a picture of them.**

\_\_\_\_\_ likes / has / is \_\_\_\_\_.

He / She \_\_\_\_\_

He / She does not fit the stereotype that \_\_\_\_\_.



### Extension

**A. Work in groups. Check (✓) the things that can be stereotypes.**

A person's appearance

A person's age

A person's nationality

A person's job

**B. Identify some stereotypes in A, or your own ideas, that people may think are true. How are you or someone you know different from the stereotypes? Share your ideas with your group.**