

Challenging Gender Stereotypes

Lesson 2



Educate
Together



In this lesson we are going to....

- Look at and think about gender stereotype statements
- Look at and analyse gender stereotype pictures
- Write statements and draw images that challenge gender stereotypes

Boys never cry.

**Girls do not wear
trousers.**

**In America all
boys love
baseball.**

**In Nigeria girls do not
need to go to school;
their husbands and fathers
will look after them.**

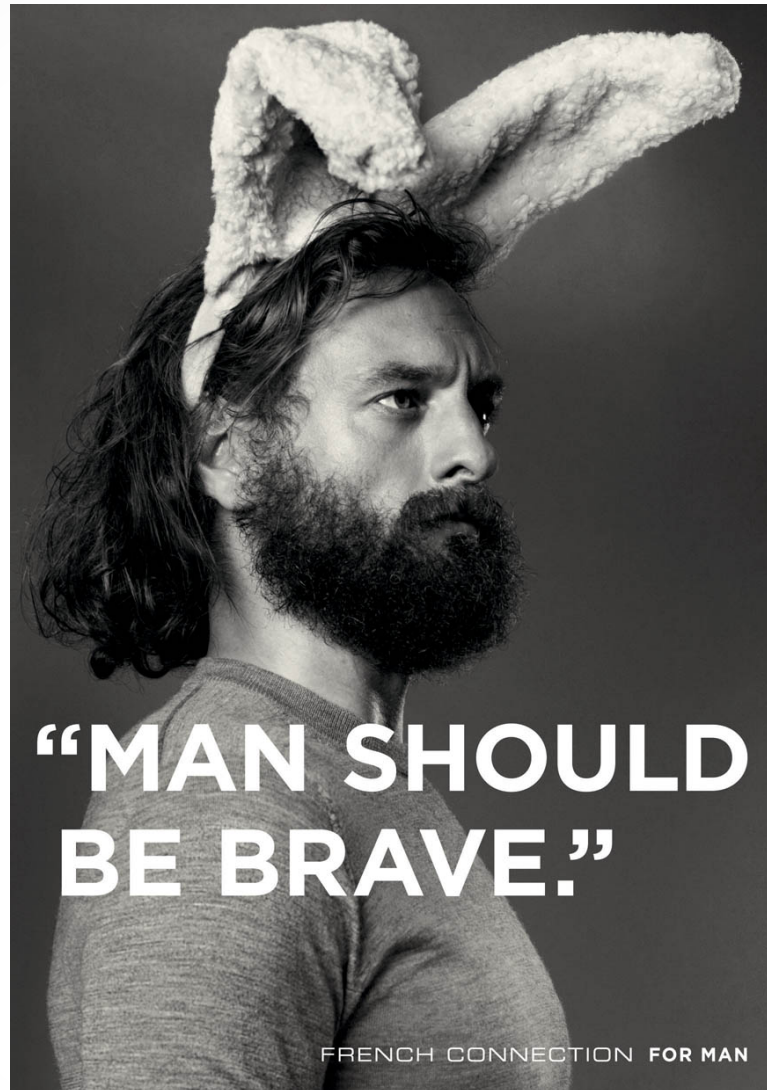
All girls love pink.

Definition

What is a gender stereotype?

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**“MAN SHOULD
BE BRAVE.”**

FRENCH CONNECTION FOR MAN

Help!







You mean a woman can open it?

Changing Gender Stereotypes

*Some men choose
to work at home
and make dinner
for their family.*

***Some women do not
like housework.***

*Families can
work together to
share the
housework.*

***Girls do not have
to wear pink if
they don't want
to.***

***It is OK for boys
to cry.***

What is a gender stereotype?

- How can we challenge or change gender stereotypes?



How girls in Pakistan challenge gender stereotypes...

Pakistan's first female football club breaks down cultural barriers (UNICEF Pakistan)

[\(VIDEO\)](#)

Extension activities

- Whole class / whole school campaign on avoiding gender stereotypes in our displays, teaching and class work.
- Children create a class display of collected images of people who break gender stereotypes (ex: Katie Taylor, boxer; Jamie Bell, dancer, Mary Mc Aleese, president etc.)

A **stereotype** is a belief or opinion, often negative but not always, about a whole group or category of people, such as 'the Irish are...' or 'Americans are...'

A **gender stereotype** is an assumption about a person because they are male or female. Gender stereotyping contributes to gender inequality because what we believe about men and women influences how we act towards them.

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