

# Citizens

## Are Blacks and Asians who live here 'immigrants' or 'citizens'?

It may have been useful once to examine the problems faced by the ethnic minorities in terms of them being 'immigrants', but this is no longer so. Well over half of all Blacks and Asians living in Britain are British-born citizens; they are not immigrants.



- **Racial prejudice:** when people are disliked simply because they belong to a particular ethnic group
- **Racism:** the belief in the idea of the existence of distinctive 'races' and that some races are superior to others
- **Racial discrimination (racialism):** when people are treated unequally simply because they belong to a particular ethnic group

1. Are you racially prejudiced?

Would you go out with an Indian boy/girl?  
with a Pakistani boy/girl?  
with a West Indian boy/girl?  
with a White boy/girl?

If the answer to the second question is No, give your reasons.

2. In a recent survey, 90 per cent of those questioned believed that there is prejudice against Asians and Blacks in Britain today. Thirty-five per cent of those questioned admitted to being prejudiced themselves.

As an exercise, choose ten people outside your class and ask them the questions above. Then compare your results in class. Do any clear patterns emerge in the answers?