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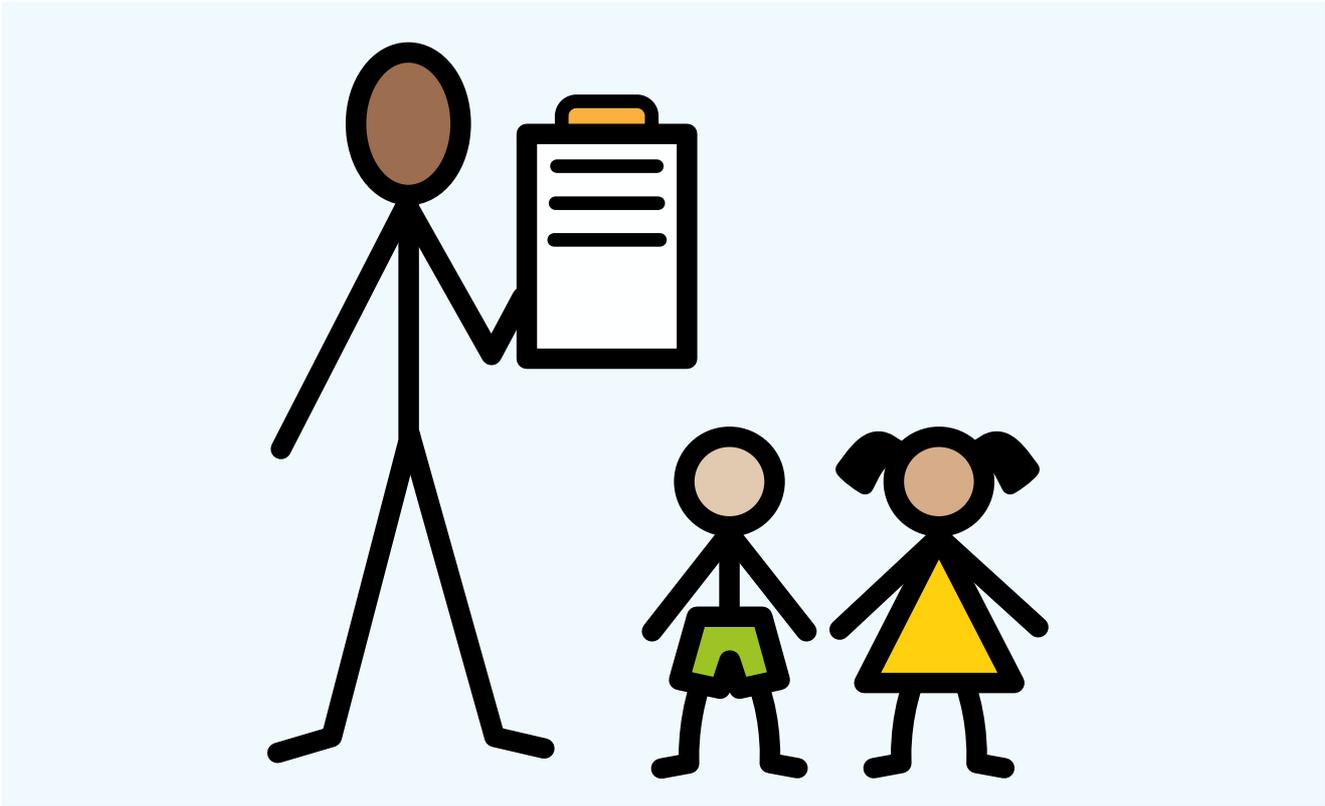



 was
 
 born
 
 in
 
 England
 
 1937.


 His
 
 father
 was
 
 African
 and his
 
 mother
 was
 
 British.


 During
 
 World War 2
 
 Paul
 was an
 
 evacuee.


 At
 school
 
 Paul
 was the
 
 only
 
 black child.

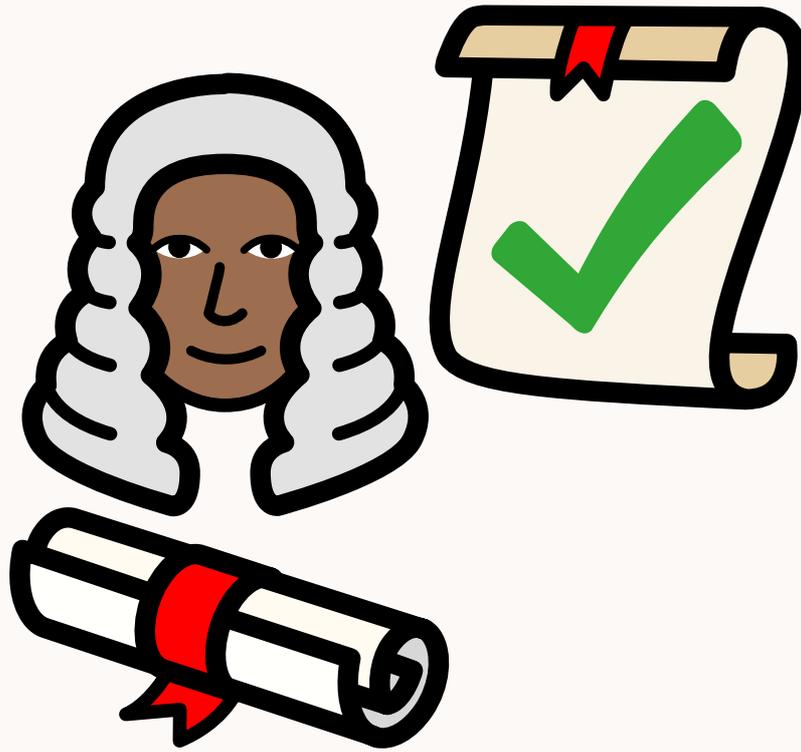


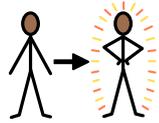
From 1953 to 1960 Paul served in the RAF.

In 1962 he qualified as a social worker.

He moved to Bristol and became a youth worker.

Paul was the first black social worker in Bristol.

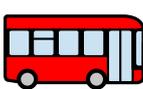


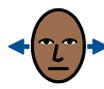







 Paul became a civil rights activist in Bristol.

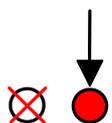




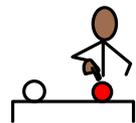


 The bus company did not employ black people.

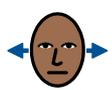




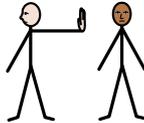





 Paul and other people thought this was wrong.



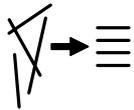




 Not employing black workers was racist.



Paul



organised a



bus



boycott

in



Bristol

in

1963

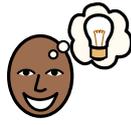
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He



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by the



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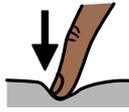
Rosa Parks.



Paul



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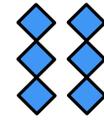
pressure the



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Rosa.



He



succeeded

and the



company

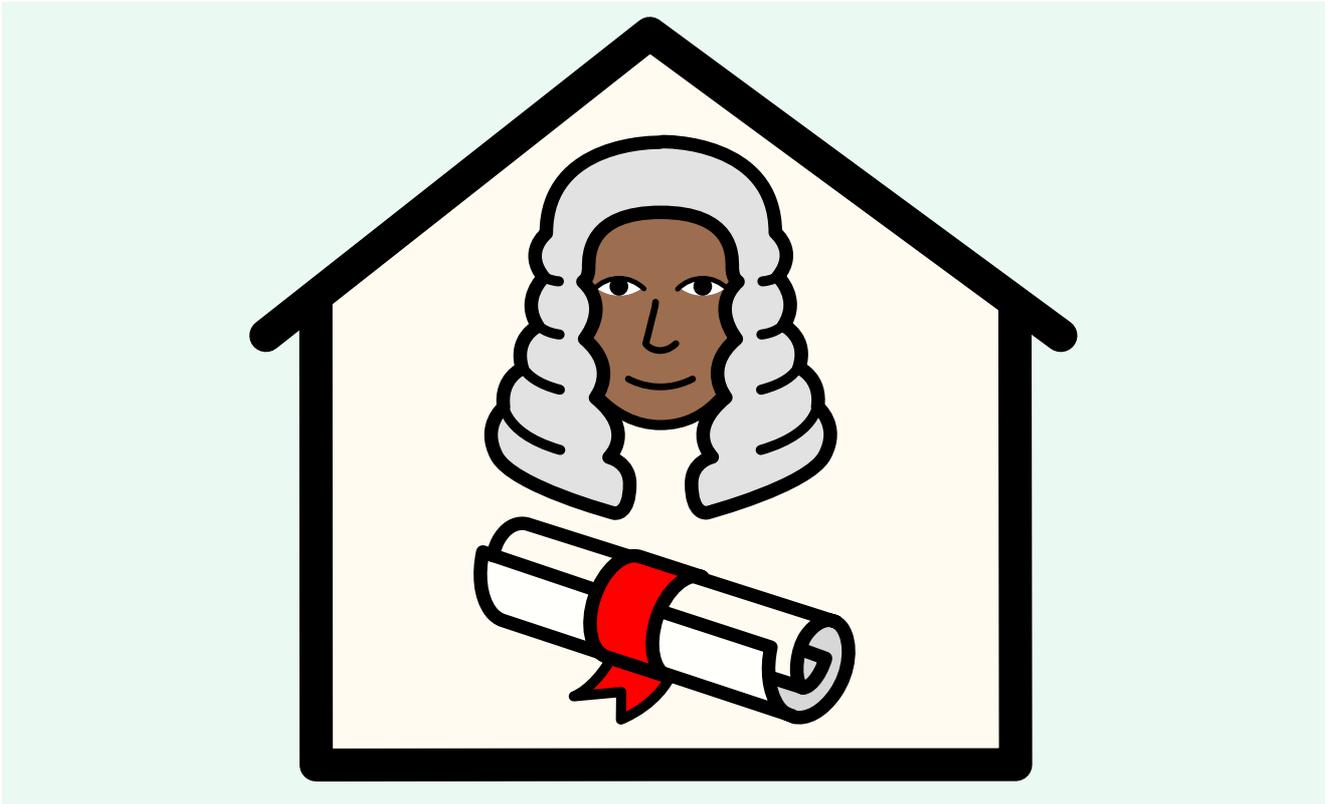


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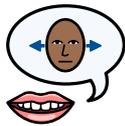
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rules.



Paul



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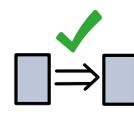


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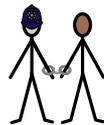


his race.



He

was



arrested

and



charged

for



refusing

to



leave.



The

case

was



dismissed,

and the



barman

was

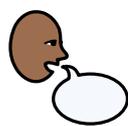


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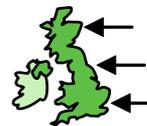
The court case

was



reported

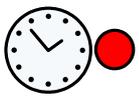
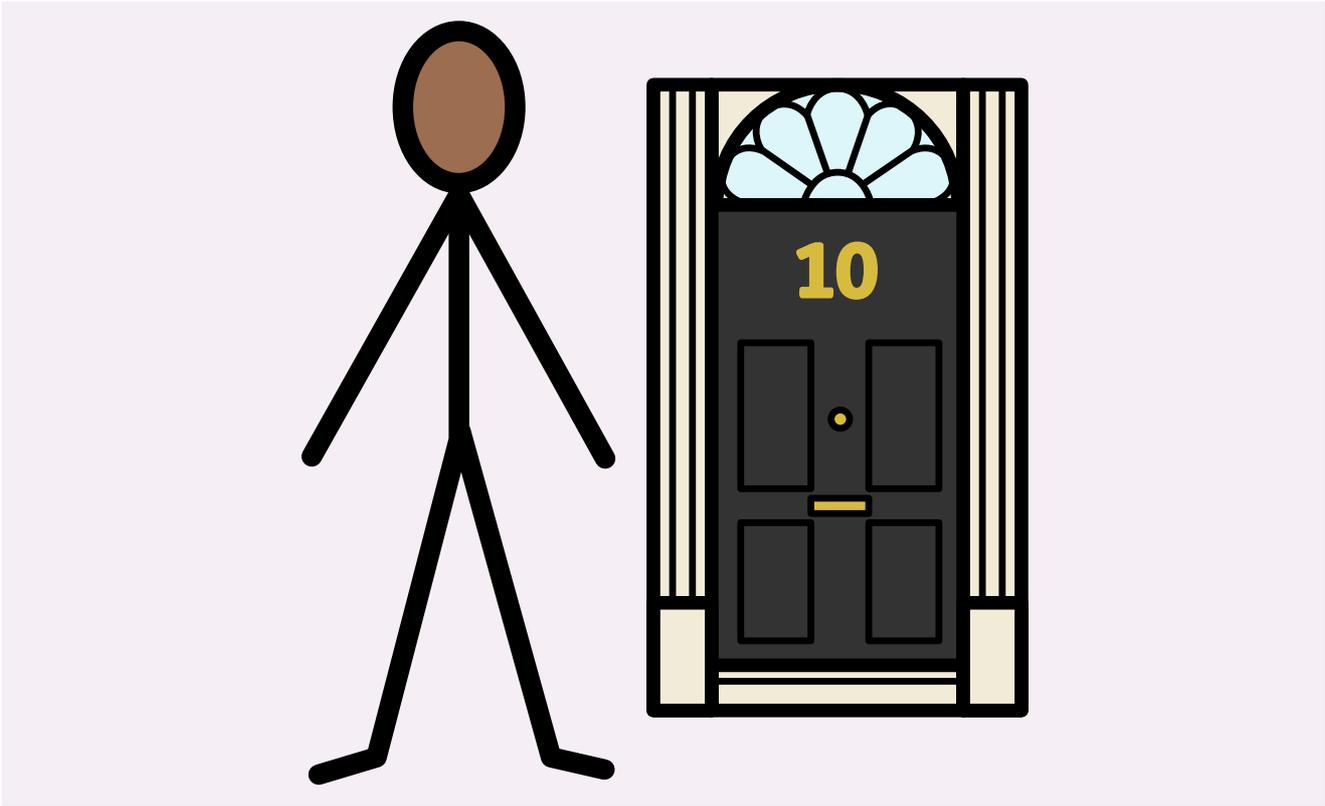
in the



national



news.



After



the

court case

the



Prime Minister



wrote

to



Paul.



The

Prime Minister



promised

to



change

the



law.

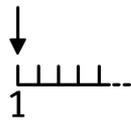
1965

In

1965



Britain's



first



Race Relations



Law

was



passed.



It

became



illegal

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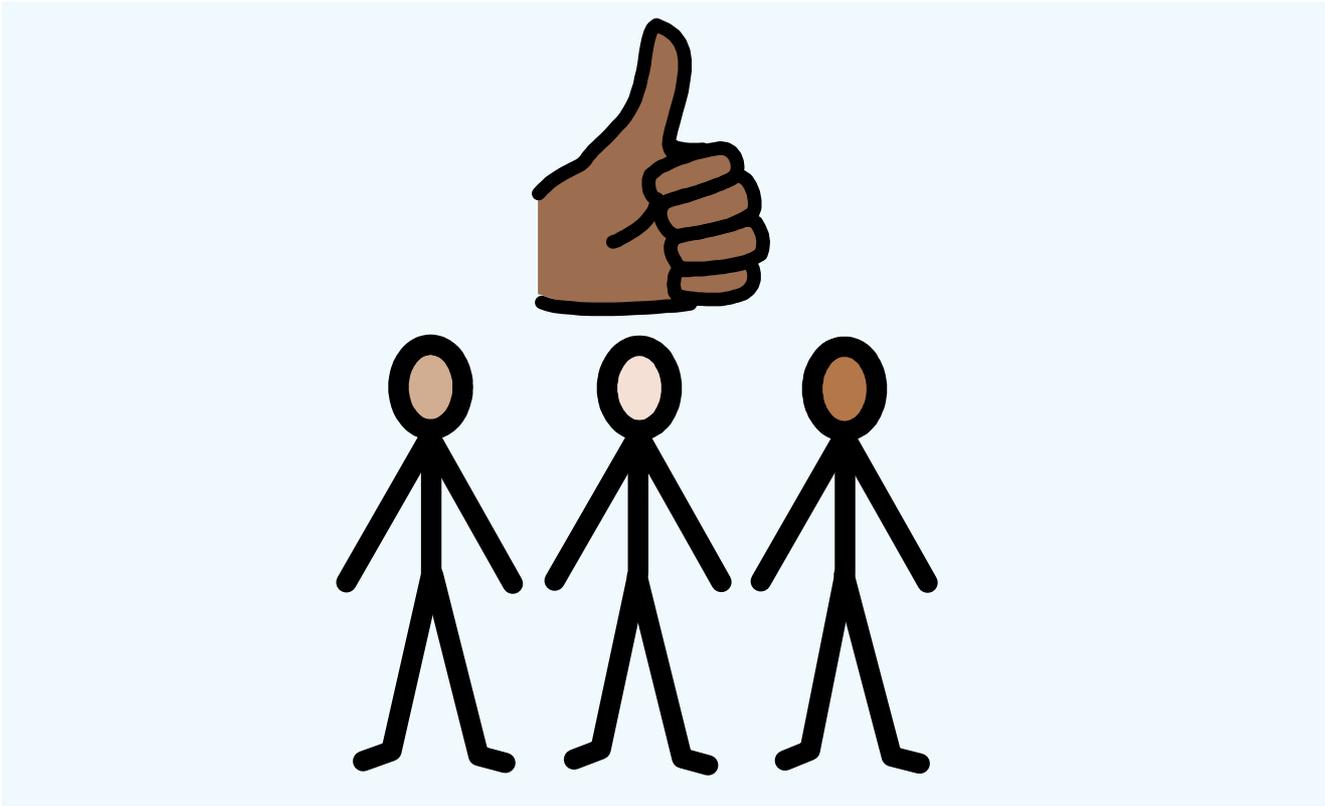


discriminate

in a



public place.

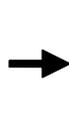


Paul worked for the Commission for Racial Equality.

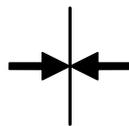


He worked with the boxer Muhammad Ali.

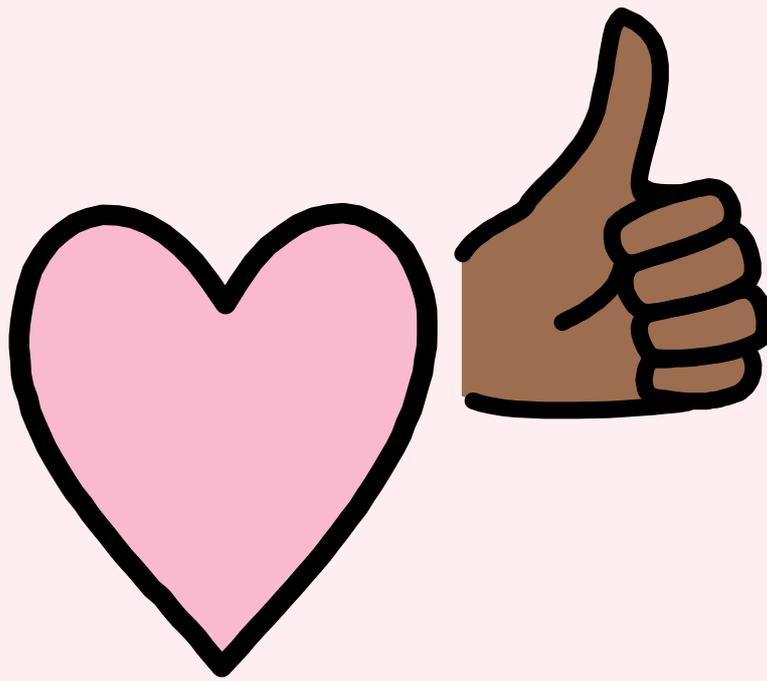
1975

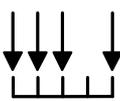


In 1975 Paul was appointed to the Sports Council.



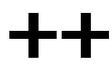
He campaigned against apartheid in South Africa.



 Paul has been  given  many  awards for his  work.

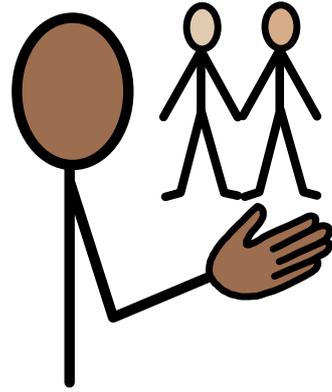
 He was  given  the freedom of the  city of Bristol.

 In  2009 he  received an  OBE for  race relations  work.

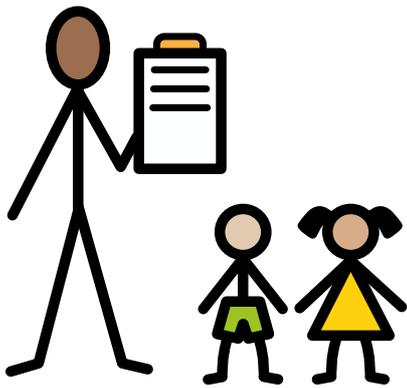
 Paul has  worked to  make  Britain  more  tolerant.



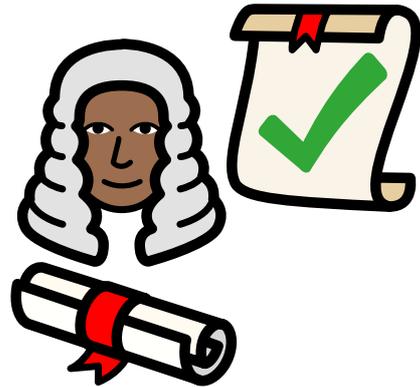
Paul Stephenson



social worker



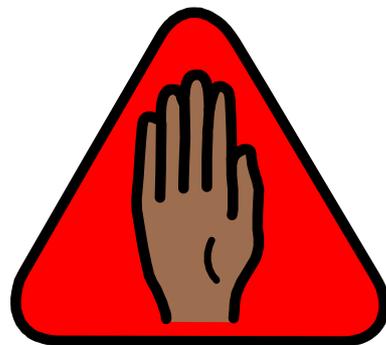
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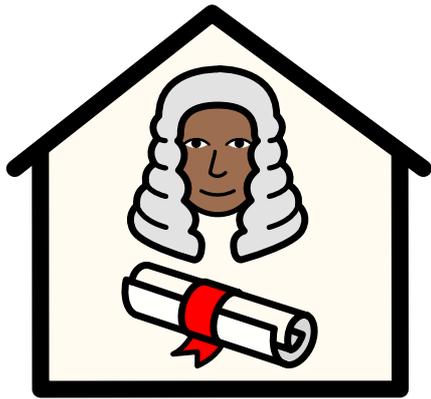
civil rights



activist



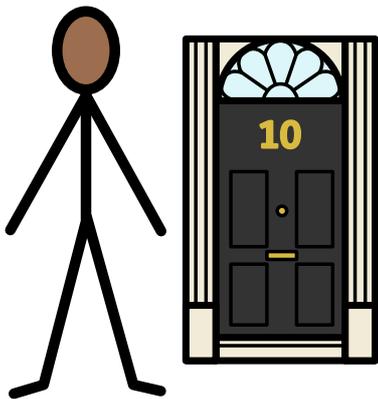
boycott



court case



dismissed



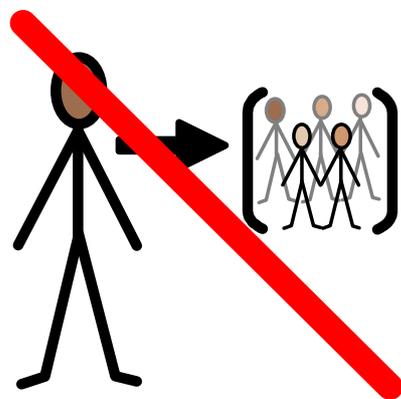
Prime Minister



racial equality



illegal



discriminate