



**Is it ever fair to judge others
on their appearance?**

Use a dictionary to understand the Key Vocabulary

Authority –

Judge –

Tradition –

Example –

Banned –

Indigenous –

Society -

Let's look at this week's story



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How does it make me feel?



sad	angry	happy	confused	excited	worried	shocked	afraid
despondent disconsolate dismal doleful downhearted forlorn gloomy melancholic miserable woeful wretched	aggrieved annoyed discontented disgruntled distressed exasperated frustrated indignant offended outraged resentful vexed	beaming buoyant cheery contented delighted enraptured gleeful glowing joyful	addled baffled bemused bewildered disorientated indistinct muddled mystified perplexed puzzled	animated elevated enlivened enthusiastic exhilarated exuberant thrilled	agitated anxious apprehensive concerned disquieted distraught distressed disturbed fretful perturbed troubled uneasy	astonished astounded disconcerted distressed dumbfounded horrified staggered startled stunned surprised	alarmed apprehensive daunted fearful frantic horrified petrified terrified

Why do you feel this way?



UN Rights of a Child



People sometimes make judgments about appearances. Families and communities can guide us so that as we grow up, we learn to use our rights in the best way and we can challenge these if necessary.





Maori are the indigenous people of New Zealand.

Part of Maori tradition is to be tattooed on their head and face – because this is considered the most spiritual part of the body.



Tattooing of the face is a mark of high social ranking.

What would the Chinese authorities think about the Maori tradition?

Do you think there is a difference between Maori traditional tattoos and modern day tattoos?



Read the information below, which looks at two recent examples of well-known people who have tattoos.



Zhang Linpeng

Zhang is a 32-year-old Chinese footballer, who currently plays for Guangzhou in the Chinese Super League. Zhang is known by the nickname 'Zhangmos' for his similarity in looks and playing style as Sergio Ramos.

Source: 皓柯

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Zhang has been told to cover his many tattoos up when playing for both his club, Guangzhou FC, and the national side.



Oriini Kaipara

Oriini Kaipara is a 38-year-old New Zealand broadcaster, journalist and translator and interpreter of te reo Māori.

Source: Newshub

In 2021, Oriini made history by becoming the first person to present a prime time news programme with a traditional Māori chin tattoo (known as a moko kauae). She said the opportunity made a lifelong dream come true and hoped she was the first of many Māori women to present the news with their traditional tattoos on show. "I'm very much aware that I'm the first [with moko kauae] to anchor a six o'clock primetime news bulletin," she told local media.

Māori tattooing or Tā moko is used to represent the wearer's family heritage and social status. It is a rite of passage for Māori women, marking the transition between girl and adulthood, and symbolises the personal process.

Talk about the similarities and differences



Look at the resource below, where some people share how they feel about footballers setting a good example.

Anyone in the public eye, be it a footballer, a singer, an actor, should set a good example to society. They are role-models to many so their actions and words may influence those who look up to them.

Dominic



Pictured: professional footballer taking part in a match.

Is it important for footballers to set a good example for society?

I think what is a good example for one person may not be a good example for others. I have seen professional football players who tackle hard, take down other players, slide tackle etc and I think this is a sign of a good and strong footballer. Others have said this is dangerous and not a good example to be setting for younger players. So, who decides what is a good example for society? We're all part of it!

Georgina

I think how a footballer behaves and what they say is important and they should set a good example for society through fair play, respect, teamwork, confidence, football skill and ability, working and training hard etc. I don't think anyone can decide what is a good or bad example of someone's appearance though so as long as it is safe, it shouldn't matter what they wear or choose to look like.

Salwa

I think professional footballers should set a good example when they are on the pitch, taking part in the role they are paid for. Off the pitch, they should be able to do what they want and not be judged.

Alexandre

Discuss each of these comments. Who do you agree/disagree with?

Reflection



There will be times when we may be expected to dress or look a certain way, this could be because of health or safety reasons or as part of a uniform. Whilst there may be these expectations in some parts of our lives, it's important for us to remember not to judge others based on their appearance alone.



Mutual Respect

We all have a unique appearance! It is important that we understand and respect that not everyone is the same.



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of situations where there are rules about your appearance? E.g. school uniform or shoes you need to wear for sports. Share different examples and why you think the rules are in place. Do you think they are important? Discuss why or why not.
- > Do you think it's important that footballers set a good example for society?

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