

What does it mean to live in a religiously diverse world?

Key Vocabulary:

Diversity: diversity is the range of human differences, which can include race, ethnicity, gender, age, social class, physical ability, religious beliefs, interests, hobbies or political beliefs.

Stereotypes: a widely held but usually oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing. They may be true of some people, but are not always true.

Discrimination: treating someone in a different or unfair way because of the type of person they are. This could be because of their age, gender, race, disability or religion.

Value: how important, worthwhile or special we think something is. A value can also be something which is a good thing to have, like being kind or honest.

The Golden Rule: treat other people with respect, the same way that you would like to be treated.

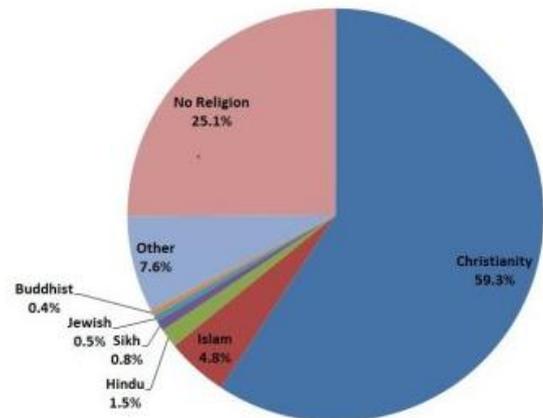
Community: a group of people living in the same place, or having a particular interest, characteristic or place in common.



Key Knowledge:

- The UK has a range of diversity, and has followers of many religions, world beliefs, or of no religion.
- The Golden Rule through most religions and world views is that we should treat other people respectfully, and as we would want to be treated.
- Different faith communities celebrate the birth of a child in different ways. Christians may baptise their child, while Muslims may place honey in the baby's mouth and reciting a prayer.
- Followers of some religions may be stereotyped a certain way due to the actions of others, and may face discrimination.
- It is important to learn about other religious beliefs and practices, so that we can show respect and empathy to others.

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Religious diversity:

- Our world is made up of followers of many different religions, or of none at all.
- The main religions of the world are Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism, but there are also newer or smaller religions such as Bahá'í, Shinto and Jainism.
- Having so many different religions, world beliefs and irreligious people makes the world a more interesting place.

