

## Lesson - 9

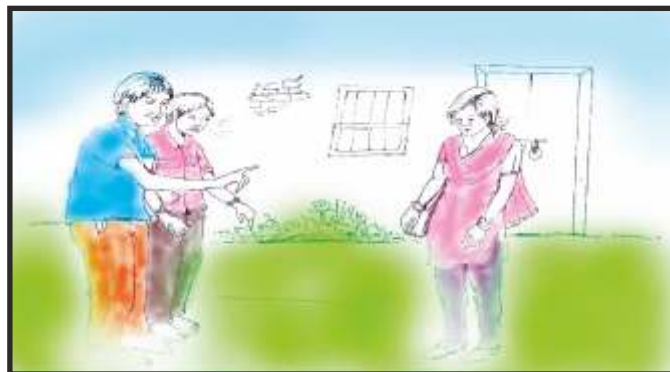
# DISCRIMINATION

### A. WARMER

All of us are equal. But some people think they are superior to others on the basis of nation, religion, caste or gender. How would you feel if you are discriminated on these grounds?

◆ *Read this poem and find out the pain that the poet feels.*

Walk through the hall  
With every eye on me  
Surrounded by four walls  
As far as I can see  
Snickers, sneers, and laughter  
Discrimination too  
Taunted from on after  
Because I'm not like you  
I'm different so you shun me



Leave me standing in the rain  
You hurt me though you see  
That I am in pain  
I hate discrimination  
Among the world I see  
If we are all one nation  
Why discriminate against me?

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### **GLOSSARY AND NOTES**

surround	: (सराउन्ड), घेरना	to be around some body or something
snicker	: (स्निके), उपहास करना	to laugh or shout rude comments at somebody, jeer
sneer	: (स्निअे), की हंसी उड़ाना	make fun of somebody or something
discrimination	: (डिसक्रिमिनेशन), भेदभाव	treating one person or group worse than others
taunt	: (टॉन्ट), ताना	to try to make somebody angry or upset
shun	: (शन), से दूर रहना	to avoid somebody or something not like them?

### **B. COMPREHENSION**

#### **B.1 Think and Tell**

##### **B.1.1 Answer the following:**

1. Why is a person discriminated?
2. Why should we not discriminate between man and man?

#### **B.2 Think and Write**

##### **B.2.1 Answer briefly:**

1. How did the discriminated person feel when he walked through the hall?

2. Why does the poet feel hurt?

**B.2.2 Answer in not more than 50 words :**

1. How do some people treat others who are not like them?
2. Why does the poet hate discrimination?
3. What do you feel when you experience discrimination?

**C. WORD POWER**

**C.1 Go through the text again and guess the meanings of the following words :**

surrounded, snickers, sneers, taunt, hurt

**C.2 Use the following words in the sentences of your own :**

as far as, discrimination, different, nation, shun

**D. LET'S RHYME**

In this poem there are rhyming words which end with the same sound; e.g. see, me

Think of rhyming words for the following and write them in the space below :

too	moo	.....	.....	.....
see	fee	.....	.....	.....
hall	call	.....	.....	.....
shun	fun	.....	.....	.....
rain	pain	.....	.....	.....
so	go	.....	.....	.....

**D. LET'S TALK AND WRITE**

**D.1 Prepare a two minute speech on the topic : 'Untouchability is a crime against humanity'.**

(**Hints:** all men equal .... favouring one bad .... bias against one also bad ... all should live in harmony ... wrong to look down upon)

## E. TRANSLATION

### E.1 Translate the following into your mother tongue :

I hate discrimination.

I'm not like you.

I am in pain.

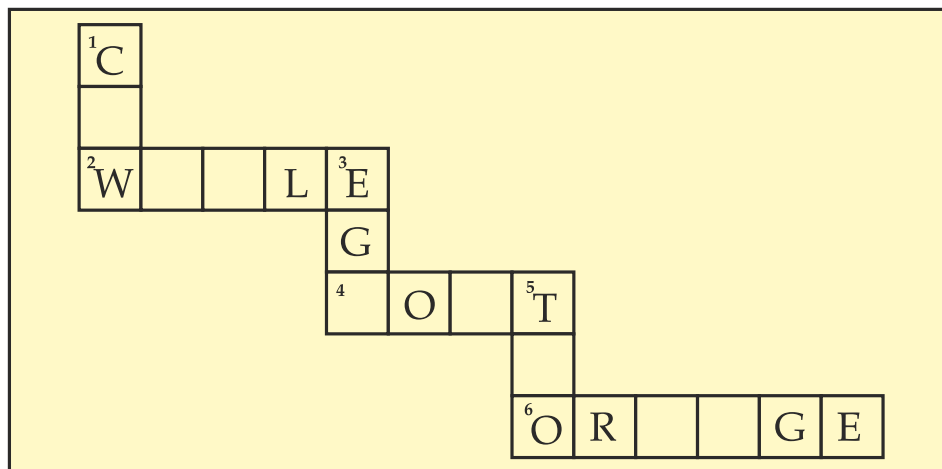
We are all one nation.

Why do you discriminate against me?

## G. LANGUAGE GAME

### G.1 Cross-Word Puzzle

Solve the following cross-word taking help from the hints given under the box :



**Hints:** 1. An animal that gives milk. 2. The largest animal in the sea. 3. Hens give it. 4. An animal that gives us kids. 5. One plus one 6. A fruit

