WHAT IS FAIRNESS?

What is farness to you? Have you ever thought what it really means? In my opinion, fairness is when you treat people the same, or equally and help everyone. For example, sharing equally when you are working as a team to achieve the goal, helping everyone to join in during fun activities and encouraging everyone not just certain people you choose to help. You should also treat people how you want to be treated, and they will treat you the same way. It really helps other people when you show kindness and respect too. Imagine a world where fairness did not exist in any shape or form, it would be dreadful, and it would be a place where no one would want to live; rules would not be followed and there would be chaos everywhere.

In this essay, I am going to show you examples of what fairness is and is not both locally and worldwide. Topics I am going cover include human rights, fairtrade, inequality of salaries, inequalities in sports and fairness in different countries both rich and poor. By the end of the essay, I am sure you will understand what fairness is and that fairness does not exist in all places, all the time. As a world this is something we should all try to aim for. Fairness is the best thing for the world but currently we do not show enough of it.

Firstly, I will talk about 'Fair Trade,' which ensures that producers are paid fairly for their goods. It also helps to improve the working conditions for the workers. Fairtrade is a wonderful thing for plantation workers as they get paid more money to improve their living standards and help them more. It also gives the workers more money for their family so, fair trade is an amazing thing for many people. In the Chiquita Banana Business, it is not as fair as it could be because the CEO earns a lot of money (£4,000,000) but the plantation workers (the workers who grows food) do not earn anywhere close to this, they earn only £1068 per year. They need to look after their families and help them, but they cannot really do this properly because they do not get paid enough. If this company were a fair-trade company, they could sell their produce for more and then the plantation

workers would be paid more, which would be fairer, so they could look after their families and have a better life.

Another way to explain fairness is kindness, it is not nice to treat people differently because they have a different religion, skin colour or a different nationality. They can't control where they come from or their skin colour, it is not their choice; they are also allowed to choose what religion they follow so you cannot say you do not like them for the choices that they make in life.

Additionally, we can look at fairness in terms of equality and inequality. Many countries such as the UK and Australia have signed up to the Universal Declaration of Human rights. These rights are the basic things that everyone needs to live with dignity and develop their potential. An example of this is that everyone should have the opportunity for education, not just random people you select, it must be equal for everyone to have a chance to learn and explore. Otherwise, some people would not know how to do things which are necessary in life such as reading and writing.

A second example of human rights is no one has the right to hold you in slavery and chose what you must do, you are allowed to have freedom and make your own choices. In addition, no one can torture or hurt you. Imagine being the person being hurt, it would not feel nice, it would feel horrible, and all the weight of the world would be on your shoulders for something you didn't do. No one has the right to torture you mentally, physically, or verbally. You also have the right to travel wherever you want in the world. Everyone is free, people can go wherever they want in the world.

A third example of human rights is everyone has the right to belong to a religion, and they can believe whoever they want to because, it would not be fair otherwise. If they could not choose their religion, it would make people upset and would cause hatred and annoyance between everyone as they just want to believe and follow a religion or God. No-one can take away any of your rights because you own them, no one else does.

A further point about fairness is in sports where professional male players get paid a lot of money, but professional female players get paid a lot less,

this is unfair for the women who basically do the same job. The average crowd for the most popular teams in the Premier League game is over 50,000 fans, but the most popular teams in the Women's Super League game is only around 2,500, way less than the men's so this is also unfair because people think men's sports are more important than women's sports.

Another way to explain fairness is in relation to teachers' and police officers' pay. I think that teachers should be paid more because not only do they educate the population, but they also provide daycare for children. They also make sure that children are safe and don't get injured; if someone does get hurt teachers will take care of them. Police officers keep everyone safe. They do this by arresting criminals and putting them in prison (when necessary). They also ensure that people do not break the laws of the land. I believe that both teachers and police officers deserve more pay because both perform such crucial jobs. Without them we would have uneducated people, and the world would be a chaotic place where rules are not followed. It is not fair that they are not paid a higher salary.

In conclusion, I believe that fairness means doing the right thing and being kind to each other no matter what people look like, where they are from or their beliefs.

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