

What is fairness?

Fairness is when people are being kind and when you look at situations from other people's perspectives. It is fair when you give people a chance, when you treat people equally and take turns. It is unfair when you are not being kind, when you are trying to be that person who does all the talking, takes over and is chosen as a part of all teams no matter what.

Disagreements can be fair and unfair and that is alright. We can have different opinions, an example of this could be when you have a foul in football, all the people could be fighting about if it is a foul or not and regard the situation as being unfair (someone has fouled), but the person is still lying on the floor hurt badly. So then in that point you have realised that you have wasted your whole break, and the person has been lying on the floor for the whole break and since there was too much fighting no one told the teacher. But disagreements can be good because we are not all built the same, we are all different and unique. We can all have different opinions, for example, if we ask a philosophical question such as: 'Should people who do something wrong always be punished?' We will have a range of answers, which are neither right or wrong and that is fair because there is no perfect answer. This is because we are always different and that is good.

In this essay, I am going to write about fairness and relate this to different topics and themes. I am going to start with Human Rights. Many countries around the world such as the UK and Spain have signed up to Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We looked at these Human Rights in tutorial four. Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that everyone has from birth to death. There are many rights such as: No-one has the right to hold you in slavery. Slavery is when are made to do something without being paid a salary. I believe that this is wrong and unfair, we should all be paid a fair wage for what we do, and no one should own us.

Another human right which I believe is important is that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. So, this means that we are free to go until there is proof that we have done something wrong. It would be wrong to accuse someone of something just because they look different.

My second point in this essay about fairness is about the Chiquita Bananas Business. The CEO earns so much more money, £4,000,000 per year, whereas the plantation workers only earn £1068 per year. The plantation

workers work tirelessly. They put in so much effort into growing and collecting all the bananas and work incredibly long hours. On the other hand, the CEO just sits behind a desk all day doing paperwork and having meetings. The CEO does not have any hard, physical work to do. These wages are unfair, the plantation worker should receive more money. This is when fairtrade comes in, 'Fair Trade' is where people who grow or make products are paid a fair price for their work. If the Chiquita Bananas Business were a fair-trade company, the plantation workers could be paid more. They would have more money to support their families and live a more comfortable life.

For my last point, I will talk about rich and poor. When the rich go out for a walk, they might see someone poor, but the ultimate question is will they care enough to give them something like water, food or even some shelter? Whilst the rich people do not know what their life story is and when they have heard it, they will feel bad, but some of these rich people may just walk past them... That would be a horrible choice, if you want to perform an act of kindness, then you must show kindness to the person. These poor people might be sick and cold since they must suffer in the cold and damp weather. People hate having to see people on the streets and I am one of them, I just hate seeing people cry on the street. There are some amazingly kind people who give homeless people blankets and even some hot pot ready noodles which they will appreciate because they will have something to eat. Even hand warmers, gloves, scarves and a hat, these will bring a little joy to these people. Even 5 pence will do something for them because you showed an act of kindness. If you give one penny, it does not matter, you gave something, you gave a donation and you also receive a little joy which will make you smile. I believe that it would be fair if rich people gave some of their money away as in the above example, or they could give money to charity. It is unfair that there is such a huge gap in wealth between rich and poor people.

In conclusion, we all want this world to be a fair place to live; a place where everyone is kind to each other, and everyone is treated equally and with respect. I am sure that after reading this essay you have a greater understanding of what fairness is and its importance to society.

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