

WHAT IS FAIRNESS?

Have you ever thought about what fairness actually means? In my opinion, I think that fairness is when you treat someone in the same kind way as they treat you. For example, if you only have one toy, but a few of you want to play with it, you will need to share the toy. Another example of fairness is when you encourage everybody to join in the game, not just the chosen few, or if you are in a group in school do not leave anyone out, all should be given the chance to complete the activity. You should treat everyone respectfully and kindly, because once you do that, they will treat you the same way. If in a world there was no fairness, rules would not be followed, people would steal and there would be complete chaos.

In this assignment, I will discuss fairness with you and give you examples of where fairness exists or does not exist in the world and at home. The topics I will talk about will include fairtrade, human rights, inequalities in pay amongst professional athletes and sports teams. I will prove to you that all people should be treated fairly no matter what their beliefs, the colour of their skin, whether they are rich or poor, or live in a well off or less well-off country.

First of all, I will write about unfairness and deservedness versus need in the Chiquita Bananas Business. The CEO of this company gets a lot more money (£4.000.000) than the plantation workers (£1068), this is unfair. The workers work hard every day and work long hours for little pay; however, the CEO earns vast amounts of money but works for less hours and his job is not physical, it is easier. The workers deserve more money than they are currently being paid.

Fair Trade is a system which ensures that producers are paid fairly It also helps to improve working conditions for the workers. If the Chiquita Bananas Business were a fair-trade company the workers would get more money to help their family members, and they could also survive in life. If they got more money, they could get better clothes, and a better house, and some more food, so that is good for the workers if they went to a fairtrade company, because then they would have a healthier life.

The next topic I will now write about is 'Human Rights,' which are the rights that all people are born with. Many countries such as the UK and Australia have signed up to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which means they adopt and follow the human rights, and everyone is treated fairly. If we did not have human rights a lot of people would be angry, and the world would be chaotic.

One of the key human rights includes the fact that everyone has the right to an education. This is important because without an education people may not know what to do or how to act in a tricky situation. They may also not learn how to read, write, and do maths.

A second human right which I believe is important is that everyone has the right to belong to a religion. This is important because if you do not have a religion and want to belong to one, you can pray to whichever God you would like to. So, if you have a religion and people bully you just because you belong to a religion that is not nice, because you have the right to choose your religion.

A third human right is you have the right to own a property. Without this right people would be homeless and this would not be fair. Everyone has the right to a home.

An additional topic I wish to discuss is unfairness amongst professional athletes. In football for example, women are paid significantly less than the men, and play exactly the same amount of football, do the same amount of training and play the same number of matches. How can this be fair? It could only be fair if they were paid the same wage for doing exactly the same thing.

Finally, the last topic I wish to discuss is fairness between countries. Some countries are very poor, and the poor countries do not get as many opportunities as the richer countries get. The poorer countries do not get that many things to eat, to drink and to survive. On the other hand, the richer countries get what they want a lot of the time, so I think that the poorer

countries should get more money. It would be fairer if the wealth was shared more evenly.

Also, most governments in the Western world operate a system of democracy. This is where people in the country vote for representatives of political parties during elections. This is fair because everyone can vote. However, many countries have forms of democracy which are not actually fair, they limit which parties people can vote for or limit the amount of media coverage a party has.

In conclusion in my opinion fairness is when someone does something nice to the other person, in return they may do something kind back. Also, fairness is when you share things equally, so everyone has the same amount. A world which is fair is where no-one is judged by their skin colour gender or religion.

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