



## DISCRIMINATION

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### Vocabulary

- occurrence - something that happens or takes place
- distinctions - being set apart, often by excellence. When things are distinct from one another, they are different.
- in-exposure - the fact of experiencing something or being affected by it because of being in a particular situation or place.

### Discussion Questions

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2. Are women better or worse managers than men?
3. Should more gay sports stars say they are gay?
4. Why do some people not like a player who is gay or lesbian?
5. Do you know any homosexual people?
6. Are they discriminated against?
7. What kinds of sexual discrimination exist in your country?
8. Is there racism and homophobia in sports in your country?
9. Does discrimination against the elderly exist in your country?
10. Is there discrimination in your school/ company?

# Teacher's Key

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