



Hometaalk

Thoughtful Conversations for Families

Assumptions in P4C – and in life

Making assumptions

Life would be impossible without making assumptions:

- *When we get on a bus, we assume it has brakes.*
- *When we eat a sweet, we assume it won't poison us.*
- *When we go to school, we assume there will be teachers.*

But sometimes our assumptions might be wrong, for example:

- *If we assume that other people see things the same way as us.*
- *If we assume that everything we read or hear is true*



Testing assumptions

You can check or even challenge assumptions with questions such as:

- *Does anyone disagree with this?*
- *What might someone who disagreed with you say?*
- *How do we know whether we can trust this information?*
- *Does that statement sound right to you? Why, or why not?*

Stimulus



**Pablo
Picasso**

Woman in Mirror, 1959

Talking Points

- What is the woman seeing in the mirror?
- What do you think Picasso had in mind when he painted this picture?
- Do you think we see ourselves as we really are?
- Would our friends see us the same way?

Fun Activity

- Everyone in the family does the self-portrait activity on Slide 6.
- Then have a chat about everyone's self-portraits and what they say about you.

Self-portrait activity

From Jake Garfield



For this exercise, you draw a line across the bottom of your page and divide it into 6 or so boxes. Then fill each one with a different sort of mark-making: fast and slow, straight and curved, short and long, thin and thick, heavy and light. Then create a self portrait using just these marks.

Here's Jake



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