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# Dear Reader,

*The Same but Different* is a book about how we can all be **different** from each other and also about how we can be the **same**. While it feels good to have things in common with other people, it's also really exciting to be different.

This book will help you understand that differences in others should be respected, celebrated and enjoyed. Difference makes the world a fun, exciting and interesting place. It really would be very boring if everyone was the same!



## It's good to know...

Every one of us deserves to be respected and treated fairly. Sometimes people are unkind to those who are different from them. Anyone who does this needs to learn a better way to behave towards others.

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# We're all different

There are over seven billion people on Earth. Yet, even if you searched the world from end to end, you would never find two people exactly the same. Seven billion is a number far too big to imagine. It's easier to think about it this way: every minute about 250 babies are born. That is four babies born every second! And every single one of them is unique.

## It's good to know...

Unique means being unlike anything or anyone else.

One billion looks like this in numbers: 1,000,000,000.



# There's nobody exactly like you

There is not one single person on this planet who is exactly the same as you. It's also extremely unlikely that any two people would give identical answers to these questions. Try it on your friends and family and see!



Why not turn the page and explore this book to discover all the wonderful things that make us different.