



Being misunderstood

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In 1492, Christopher Columbus wanted to try to sail East to reach the West. In those days, people didn't believe that the Earth was round. What do you think they said to Columbus?

- 'You must be mad! That's impossible.'
- 'What have you been reading to make you think that's possible?'
- 'What a great idea! Go for it!'
- 'You're probably right. Let's give it a try!'
- 'Are you joking? What a wild imagination you have!'

● How do you think Columbus felt?

● Do you think he abandoned his plan? What would you have done?

2

Write a sentence to encourage Columbus to go ahead with his plan.

3 Read the text on page 56 of the EMOTIONARY and write **T (true)** or **F (false)** next to the sentences.

- We feel misunderstood when people don't get what we are trying to say.
- To feel understood, you have to have the same opinion as everyone else.
- You can feel misunderstood when you see the world differently to how others see it.

4 Look at the example and complete the other words.

- *mis + understanding = misunderstanding*
- *mis + lead = _____*
- *_____ + fortune = _____*
- *mis + _____ = mistreat*

5 The text says that many geniuses had to face being misunderstood. What does **face** mean here? Tick the correct box.

- talk about
- get upset about
- deal with
- Think of a problem you have had to face in your life and write about it below.

6 **Face** has other meanings. Read the definitions below and write 1, 2, 3 and 4 next to the sentences.

face

- 1. a side
- 2. an expression
- 3. to look towards
- 4. the front of the head

- My grandad told me that, when he was small, the teacher made them face the wall if they were naughty in class.
- My sister is always pulling funny faces.
- It's impossible to climb the west face of the mountain.
- You have to wash your face! It's covered in chocolate.

7 Explain what a cat is to these people.

- Rose doesn't know what a cat is, but she knows what a dog is.

- James has never seen an animal.

- P34X is an alien and you are the first Earth creature he has come across.

8 Read the situation and answer the questions.

Martin has a lot of friends. They do sport together or just mess round in the park. But what he likes most is ballet. He hasn't told anyone. Last Christmas, he wanted to go to a ballet display at school, but his dad suggested going bowling instead, because he knows Martin loves bowling.

● What is Martin's favourite activity?

● What does Martin's dad think his son's favourite activity is?

● What would you do if you were Martin? Would you insist on going to the ballet display? Why? / Why not?

● What do you think will happen if Martin doesn't insist on going?

9

Complete the table. Then ask a friend or member of your family to complete the second table with what they think they know about you.

This is me	
I like eating ...	
I'm frightened of ...	
I like ...	
I'm disgusted by ...	
I enjoy ...	
I'm bored when ...	
I'm embarrassed when ...	

This is _____	
He/She likes eating ...	
He/She is frightened of ...	
He/She likes ...	
He/She is disgusted by ...	
He/She enjoys ...	
He/She is bored when ...	
He/She is embarrassed when ...	

- Look at the points you have answered differently and discuss them. That way, you can avoid being misunderstood.

