



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

* share or discuss the importance of the sense of belongingness in a happy and fulfilling working environment.



Read the Article:

“The fact is that, because there is only one ethnic group in Japan, there is no **positive exposure** to black people. While it’s true that hip-hop music is popular here, and Hollywood movies released in Japan sometimes do include black actors, none of these adequately represents the scope of black culture. In the absence of a complete picture, many Japanese have quite limited and stereotypical **expectations** of what black people are like. Several times, people approached me and told me that my “hip-hop culture is cool” and I was sometimes expected to respond to young people asking me, “Yo, wazzup?”.

Let's Talk



1. What do you think the woman feels?
2. What do you think is the importance of belongingness?
Support your answer.
3. Have you ever experienced feeling left-out in a group? Tell me about it.
4. How do you think one can keep the sense of belongingness?



Activity

* Read the following situations and give your opinion.

Imagine you are visiting another country and you've just checked into a hotel. As you're getting off the elevator to go to your room, some of the people who are still on the elevator laugh and say something that sounds insulting. The elevator door hasn't closed yet. What would you do?

You and your good-looking friend knowingly apply for the same job at the same company. Although you did better in school and have a more impressive resume, your friend gets hired instead of you. How would you feel? What would you do?

Imagine that there is a woman who was recently hired in the company. She's been working there for three weeks now and has been complaining that your boss keeps asking her to make coffee for him and his business associates. The problem is that making coffee is not part of her job description, so she's understandably upset. What would you do?