

Worksheet 1

The Art of Q&A: Who is Asking & Answering?

Read and reflect on the situations and questions below:

- 1** A white British born person asks a black / Asian British born person where they're from. When they receive the answer that the person is from England / British, they then ask them where they're really from.
 - How do you think the black / asian person would feel? Why?

- 2** Somebody with a British passport who has done a lot of travelling for pleasure, study, work etc. asks somebody who hasn't had much opportunity to travel why they've never travelled the world.
 - How do you think the person who hasn't travelled would feel? Why?

- 3** Somebody from a wealthy background who has been to university asks somebody from a poorer background why they haven't been to university?
 - How do you think the person who hasn't been to university might feel? Why?

- 4** A heterosexual (straight) person asks a homosexual (gay) person why they don't hold hands with their partner in public.
 - How do you think the gay person might feel? Why?

- 5** A man asks his female neighbour why she takes a taxi home from the train station at night when he always walks home from the station at night as it's so close to the road that they live on.
 - How might the woman feel? Why?

Do these questions have anything in common? If so, what?