

Worksheet 3

The Art of Q&A: What's your Reply?

Using the REPLY model below, answer the following questions in your group. Make sure that everybody has an equal chance to speak and share their reply.

- 1** Do you think that society will become more religious in the future?
- 2** Do you think that the media depicts UK minorities fairly (e.g. LGBT people / Muslims / people of colour / disabled people etc.)?
- 3** Do you think the state should have any control over what people wear?
- 4** Do you think that the crisis in young people's mental health is caused by social media?

REPLY Recap

R respectful Language

- Make sure your language is always respectful and sees the value and humanity in the other person, even if somebody has asked you an Oops question.

E motions are okay

- It's fine to say how you feel about a question, our emotions can often tell us what's important to us.
- Example 1, Non-oops question: "I'm glad that you asked me about my experience of sexism because it's important to me that people understand what it's like to be a woman in this society."
- Example 2, Oops question: "I feel frustrated that you asked me whether I was British because I think it's important that people understand that people of any colour can be British."

Provide information

- You can use the opportunity to provide more information, questions are a good opportunity to help people understand things from your point of view.
- Example 1: “Even in the twenty first century, on average women still get paid less than men, are less often in positions of power and are more likely to be the victims of gender-based violence.”
- Example 2: “Historically, Britain had many global colonies and there have also been many waves of migration and people seeking sanctuary from persecution, so people of any race can be British citizens.”

Length

- Keep it short and stick to the question you’ve been asked. Make sure that when you answer a question you keep to the topic and leave space for the other person to respond and join in the conversation.

You & I

- Remember to use I statements when you are talking about your own beliefs, opinions and experiences. This helps to avoid generalisations. If you can, it’s sometimes helpful to include the opinions of other people who share your identity but have a different perspective from you.
- Example 1: “As a feminist I think there is still a lot of work to do to achieve gender equality, however, I know that some women think that society has already achieved gender equality.”
- Example 2: “I was born in England and think of myself as a British Indian not as English. However, other Indians who were born in England think of themselves as English.”