

Second-Class Citizen

Idiom of the month

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1. Why do people get treated differently sometimes? Complete the list.

Because of:

- a. gender
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

2a. Read

I'm so mad, Emily!

Why? What's wrong, mum?

It's the 21st century and some men still treat women like second-class citizens.

I know! They just want women to cook and clean and have no opinions. Ridiculous!

2b. Complete with the idiom of the month.

Men and women are equal but in some countries men treat women like _____.

We are all the same but in some countries people have less rights than other citizens because of their gender or race or social status for example. They become 'second-class citizens' in their own society.

3. Match each problem (1-5) to the right person (a-e)

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| 1. "I can't use the playground with my friends." | a. Lisa, 32. Female. |
| 2. "My boss doesn't pay me the same as my male colleague." | b. Marc, 19. Afro-American. |
| 3. "I can't take my girlfriend home to meet my parents." | c. Josh, 7. Disabled. |
| 4. "The police always stop me in my car." | d. Liam, 45. Waiter. |
| 5. "People are very rude to me when I serve their food." | e. Jane, 22. Gay. |

4. Write. Max 70 words.

Question: How does society make some people feel like second-class citizens?

Answer:



Teacher's Notes

1. Sample answer: a. gender; b. race; c. sexual orientation; d. social status; e. wealth; f. disability

2b. *Men and women are equal but in some countries men treat women like second-class citizens.*

3. 1.c; 2.a; 3.e; 4.b; 5.d

4. Answers will vary but students may include the examples from exercise 3 or add their own.