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What This Module is About

This module is all about Intersubjectivity. This is interaction between the self and the other, which is the mutual recognition of each other as persons. As humans, we have the natural and universal tendency to relate, to establish attachments and seek close relationships with other people. Our human nature drives us to reach out to other people and interact with them in meaningful ways.

In this module, it mainly focuses on accepting differences and not imposing on others, accepting others even if they are different from themselves, and the appreciation of people with disabilities and those from underprivileged. You will learn on the importance of others in one's life, given our differences and limitations; recognizing the talents and skill of others especially the underprivileged.

Lesson

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Accepting Differences



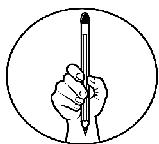
What I Need to Know

At the end of this module, you should be able to:

1. Relate intersubjectivity as a result of influence by others.
 2. Realize that accepting differences of others is vital in any human relation.
 3. Appreciate that accepting people for what they are is a manifestation of care, love, respect and responsibility.

We all live in the world surrounded by different people with different background and personality. All are unique and everyone owns the right to be respected as a human being regardless of their differences.

Just what does it mean to accept yourself and others? The answer to this question is both simple and complex. Needless to say, everyone has aspects of his personality, character and physical characteristics that he would like to improve in some ways. In other words, no one is perfect.



What I Know

Multiple Choice. Select the letter of the best answer from among the given choices.

- way of relating.
- D. Intersubjectivity is caused by philosophical concept.
4. What drives us to extend assistance and act with concern towards others?
- A. The recognition that we are all born perfect
 - B. The recognition that all people feel, look and think the same.
 - C. The recognition that differences will not exist among groups of people.
 - D. The recognition of our shared humanity and dignity.
5. Which of the following is the best example of intersubjectivity?
- A. Ben has always loved dogs. When his parents let him choose a family pet, he picks a Labrador puppy from the shelter.
 - B. When Anna was twelve, her sister told her that pickles are rotten cucumbers. Because of this, Anna now orders all her burgers without pickles.
 - C. When Sara was fifteen, she went exploring in a cave and became trapped. She is now afraid of closed spaces.
 - D. Tony was born with vision in only one eye. Because of this, he sometimes has difficulty perceiving depth.
6. Who is the Filipino renowned singer, songwriter and radio anchor despite her condition managed to inspire people to become a better person?
- A. Grace Padaca
 - B. Helen Keller
 - C. Fatima Soriano
 - D. Roselle Ambubuyog
7. What important values are related to intersubjectivity?
- A. Acceptance and recognition that all people are born perfect.
 - B. Acceptance and embracing the thought that all feel the same and think alike.
 - C. Acceptance and recognition that one is above the other.
 - D. Acceptance of differences and embracing diversity.
8. What drives us to reach out to other people and interact with them in meaningful ways?
- A. Human nature
 - B. Establish attachment
 - C. Close relationship
 - D. Mutual recognition
9. What drives us to extend assistance and act with concern towards others?
- A. Recognition that one is above the other.
 - B. Recognition of our shared humanity and dignity
 - C. Recognition that all people are born perfect.
 - D. Recognition that differences will not exist among groups of people.

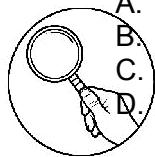
For Item # 10 refer to the statements below,

The philosophical concept of **INTERSUBJECTIVITY** is related to:

- I. The interaction between the self and the other.
 - II. The recognition that all people feel, look and think the same.
10. Which statement/s is/are TRUE?
- A. I only
 - B. II only
 - C. Both I and II
 - D. Neither I and II
11. What does this statement about **Stout, Krueger**, in his paper ‘Seeing mind in action’ means?
- A. Understanding that how we see ourselves largely determines what we think we are responsible for.

- B. Acceptance and embracing the thought that all feel the same and think alike.
 - C. Recognition that is above the other.
 - D. Recognition of a kind of relationship which considered a subject-to-person way of relating.
12. Why does acceptance of each other's point of view, action or differences important?
- A. It establishes the idea of perfection.
 - B. It recognizes the thought that one is above the other.
 - C. It improves good relationship with people.
 - D. It improves tolerance to get even with others.
13. Who among them is physically challenged often experience hardships because of his condition and despite his limitations, he have successfully transcended his disabilities to become productive and happy individual?
- A. Isko Moreno
 - B. Richard Gomez
 - C. Vico Sotto
 - D. Raymond Martin
14. What do you convey when you communicate and interact with people?
- A. Attitude and Acceptance
 - B. Respect and Care
 - C. Love and Empathy
 - D. Respect and Empathy

15. What are the things we can change and improve?
- A. The universal nature of man.
 - B. Our hope for being treated the way you are willing to treat them.
 - C. Our character, attitude, intellect and the way in which we interact with others.
 - D. Getting rid of what people thinks about you.



What's In

As humans, we have the natural and universal tendency to relate, to establish attachments and seek close relationships with other people. Our human nature drives us to reach out to other people and interact with them in meaningful ways.

Exercise:

How do you usually react to new places, people or activity?



What's New

The interaction between the self and the other is related to the philosophical concept of INTERSUBJECTIVITY which is the mutual recognition of each other as persons.

A good way to think of intersubjectivity is to imagine how one relates to their family and friends. Maybe one of the family member enjoyed playing volleyball. He took one of the members of the family with him when he practiced, and he always had a good time. Growing up, he decided to join the school volleyball team. If that member of the family had not played volleyball with him growing up, he may not have grown to like the sport. The experience with volleyball can be called intersubjective because it was influenced by another person.

Exercise:

Think of a particular person who made an influence in your life and how did it change you as a person. Write your answer on the space provided below.



What Is It

Important values related to intersubjectivity include acceptance of differences and embracing diversity. We understand that each person is unique, therefore, differences will exist among groups of people. When we look at physical traits and even behavior, we can see that no two persons look and think the same. We have to accept that people have different views and beliefs. What unites us all is our shared HUMANITY and DIGNITY.

The recognition of our shared humanity and dignity is what drives us to extend assistance and act with concern towards others, especially towards individuals or groups that experience hardships and discrimination. For instance, those who are physically and mentally challenged often experience hardships because of their condition. Despite their limitations, many of them have successfully transcended their disabilities to become productive and happy individuals.

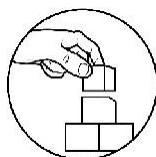
Exercise:

Who are these people? Research about his/her life and works. Write about their significant contributions in their respective fields and how these people will help you understand and accept individual differences.

GRACE PADACA

FATIMA SORIANO

RAYMOND MARTIN _____



What's More

What is your impression about the picture and statement below?



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Question:

How is intersubjectivity related with care, love, respect and responsibility?

What I Have Learned

Why do you need to accept others point of view, action or differences?



What I Can Do

Comment on the motivational quote of **Charles R. Swindoll**, "We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it."

Summary

Each person is just as important as you are. This means that you learn to accept your life as worthwhile. The bottom line is, there will be things in your life that you will not be able to change and there will be things that you can. Think about it. Our character, attitude, intellect and the way in which we interact with others are all things we can change and improve.

Did you know that you can convey an attitude and acceptance to others by way in which you communicate and interact with them?



Assessment: (Post-Test)

Multiple Choice. Answer the question that follows. Choose the best answer from among the given choices.

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 - D. Tony was born with vision in only one eye. Because of this, he sometimes has difficulty perceiving depth.
4. How do we interact people in meaningful ways?
- A. To be hesitant in being attached and have close relationship with other people.
 - B. To establish attachments and seek close relationships with other people
 - C. To be worried about what people thinks about you
 - D. To be anxious about socializing.
5. What drives us to extend assistance and act with concern towards others?
- A. The recognition that we are all born perfect
 - B. The recognition that all people feel, look and think the same.
 - C. The recognition that differences will not exist among groups of people.
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6. What are the things we can change and improve?
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 - B. Establish attachment
 - C. Close relationship
 - D. Mutual recognition

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 - B. Acceptance and embracing the thought that all feel the same and think alike.
 - C. Acceptance and recognition that one is above the other.
 - D. Acceptance of differences and embracing diversity.

For Item # 13 refer to the statements below,

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- III. The interaction between the self and the other.
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14. Why does acceptance of each other's point of view, action or differences important?

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 - C. Love and Empathy
 - B. Respect and Care
 - D. Respect and Empathy



Key to Answers

What I Need to Know

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| 1. C | 6. C | 11. A |
| 2. B | 7. D | 12. C |
| 3. A | 8. A | 13. D |
| 4. D | 9. B | 14. A |
| 5. B | 10. A | 15. C |

What's In

- Answers may vary but it be answered by how they show/interact to a situation.

What's New

- Answers may vary but must be justified how it affects them as a person.

What Is It

- GRACE PADACA is a politician and a broadcaster
- FATIMA SORIANO is a singer, songwriter and radio anchor
- RAYMOND MARTIN is an athlete
 - ✓ Must cite how these people help them understand and accept individual differences.

What's More

- Answers may vary but they must relate intersubjectivity with care, love, respect and responsibility

What I Have Learned

- Answers may vary but it must point out that accepting others differences is vital in any human relation and not to impose on them.

What I Can Do

- Answer may vary but it must cite that all are unique and everyone owns the right to be respected as a human being regardless of their differences that is the manifestation of care, love, respect and responsibility.

Assessment: (Post-Test)

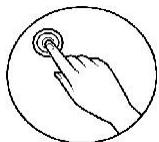
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Lesson 2

Accepting Others



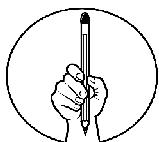
What I Need to Know

At the end of this module, you should be able to:

1. Understand that intersubjectivity recognizes each other as persons.
 2. Realize that intersubjectivity requires accepting differences which led to good relationships.
 3. Demonstrate appreciation for the talents of persons with disabilities and those from the underprivileged sectors of society.

The interaction between the self and the other is related to the philosophical concept of INTERSUBJECTIVITY which is the mutual recognition of each other as persons. As humans, we have the natural and universal tendency to relate, to establish attachments and seek close relationship with other people. Our human nature drives us to reach out to other people and interact with them in meaningful ways.

Through our interactions with others we understand how and why people think and act the way they do, thus, we notice how different we are from each other.



What I Know

Multiple Choice. Write the letter of the correct answer.

- What is the concept where every individual is recognized as persons through their social interactions?
A. Intrasubjectivity B. Communication
C. Authenticity D. Intersubjectivity
 - Which scenario demonstrates intersubjectivity?
A. Talking with a friend about the cat you both saw at the pet show
B. Volunteering to be the team leader in a fund-raising project
C. Writing in your blog about a big problem in school
D. Reading four books all by the same author
 - Who among the following can best engage in a true dialogue?
A. Jess, who would only talk about the current political system of the country.
B. Joseph, who refuses to talk to anyone.
C. Kim, who only talked to people the same age as her.
D. Danny, who can talk comfortably to anyone.

- A. Its endpoint will always be fair and unbiased.
 - B. It promotes a view that all people are equal.
 - C. Individuals and others are seen as pairs.
 - D. It promotes honing of academic skills.
15. Which one is not a right perception about persons with disabilities?
- A. They are people with the same rights as what other people have.
 - B. They are less productive.
 - C. They could possibly engage into various social activities.
 - D. They can contribute to the economic growth of the country.



What's In

What makes a person different from one another? The attitude, behavior, personality and talents that humans possess are what makes every individual totally different from each other because each one is bestowed with gifts that are inherent which can be used to uplift oneself and serve others.

Exercise:

Read about the life of these persons and know their works and contributions in the community.

1. Ronnel Del Rio
2. Anna Kristina Arce



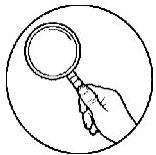
What's New

Important values related to intersubjectivity include acceptance of differences and embracing diversity. We understand that each person is unique, therefore, differences will exist among groups of people. When we look at physical traits and even behavior, we can see that no two persons look and think the same. We have to accept that people have different views and beliefs. What unites us all is our shared humanity and dignity.

The self and others are seen as a pair that shares each other's experiences. This is much like the concept of empathy or "being in the shoes" of others.

Exercise:

Look around you and list down your observations of the happenings in the society. Do people perform the same thing together? What makes people unite and understand each other? Write your answers on the space provided.



What Is It

Intersubjectivity looks at others as rooted within the self, it is safe to say that this concept also promotes a view that all people are equal. This would imply that people from other sectors of society, such as those who have physical disabilities or socio-economic challenges are seen as individuals with the same potential and talents as anybody else.

Everyone has the power to understand relationships and interactions that occur in the society with little regard to social or physical differences. In effect, people who are marginalized may still be seen as significant contributors to society through their talents, skills, and capabilities.

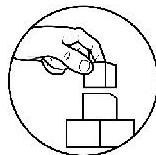
Exercise:

Read and understand each example of individual and answer the questions that follow.

1. Stephen Hawking is a physicist and cosmologist who, despite his rare medical condition called amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), made significant contributions to contemporary studies of relativity and quantum physics.
2. As a child, Oprah Winfrey experienced living in a poor household and was sexually abused. Despite this, she motivated herself to succeed and did so by being one of the richest women alive today.

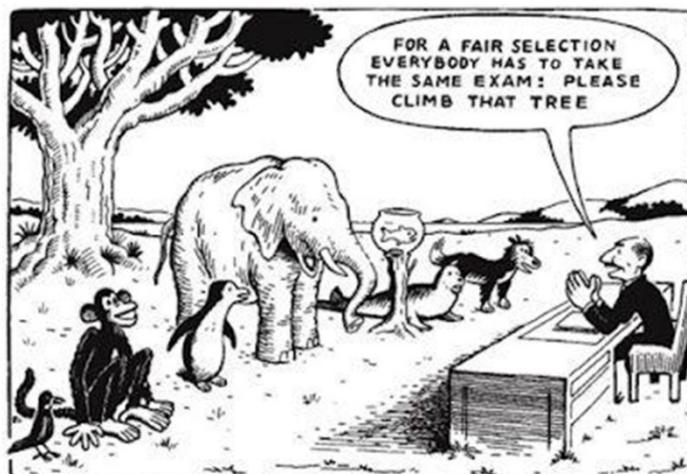
Questions:

1. What does each situation tell us?
2. What is the situation all about?
3. What realizations can you make out of the situations?



What's More

Analyze the caricature below. Does the caricature have a relation to the concept on intersubjectivity? Yes or No? Why?





What I Have Learned

Exercise:

Complete the following unfinished sentences.

1. Intersubjectivity tells me that _____

2. When I accept the differences of others, I _____

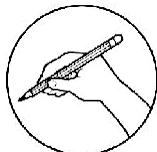


What I Can Do

Recall and write a short narrative of a situation in your life where you had seen and made your own differences a guide in doing your best.

Summary

Intersubjectivity facilitates interaction among individuals which makes us treat each other as real persons. We are able to look at others equally, regardless of their physical and socio-economic status and make us realize that anyone can contribute to the society. With this, it promotes a sense of community and unity among individuals.



Assessment: (Post-Test)

Multiple Choice. Write the letter of the correct answer.

1. Who among the following can best engage in a true dialogue?
 - A. Jess, who would only talk about the current political system of the country.
 - B. Joseph, who refuses to talk to anyone.
 - C. Kim, who only talked to people the same age as her.
 - D. Danny, who can talk comfortably to anyone.
 2. Which of the following statements does not hold true about the concept of intersubjectivity ?
 - A. Individuals and others are seen as pairs.
 - B. Promotes a view that all people are equal.
 - C. Requires financial resources and good socio-economic background.
 - D. Acceptance of the differences of others.
 3. What is the concept where every individual is recognized as persons through their social interactions?

A. Intrasubjectivity	B. Communication
C. Authenticity	D. Intersubjectivity
 4. What do you call that concept when an individual places himself in the “shoes of others”?

A. Empathy	C. Dignity
B. Sympathy	D. Interaction
 5. Which scenario demonstrates intersubjectivity?
 - A. Talking with a friend about the cat you both saw at the pet show
 - B. Volunteering to be the team leader in a fund-raising project
 - C. Writing in your blog about a big problem in school
 - D. Reading four books all by the same author
 6. What does “being in the shoes of others” mean?
 - A. Rejoice with the failures of others.
 - B. Put yourself in the situation of others.
 - C. Fit yourself in to the shoes of others.
 - D. Borrow the shoes of others.
 7. Who among the following demonstrates an appreciation for the talents of persons with disabilities and those from the underprivileged sector of the society?
 - A. Mike, a 7 year-old child, will continue his education in Singapore.
 - B. Nikki, has been watching a talent show on TV since last year.
 - C. Kris invited a poor boy who sings very well to her show.
 - D. Dr. Magalang offers a full scholarship program for a debate winner.
 8. The following are the characteristics of underprivileged except?

A. Uneducated	C. Victims of calamity
B. Malnutrition and poor health	D. Lack of shelter
 9. Which of the following best describe the proper use of one’s talents and gifts?
 - A. To make oneself feel that he has more than others.

- B. To uplift oneself and serve others.
 - C. To make others feel insecure.
 - D. To bring people down.
10. The human person is not just “being in the world” but “being with others”. Which one is a good example?
- A. Hatred to your enemy
 - B. Sincerity and concern to others
 - C. Children exploitation
 - D. Bullying
11. Who is the first deaf Filipino to be awarded the World Deaf Leadership Scholarship at Washington DC?
- A. Gilda Quintua-Nakahara
 - B. Anna Kristina Arce
 - C. Ronnel Del Rio
 - D. Fatima Soriano
12. Which one is not a right perception about persons with disabilities?
- A. They are people with the same rights as what other people have.
 - B. They are less productive.
 - C. They could possibly engage into various social activities.
 - D. They can contribute to the economic growth of the country.
13. Which of the following statement is true?
- A. Most people with disabilities cannot work.
 - B. Human person can live on his own without the help of others.
 - C. It is impossible to appreciate persons with differences and those from the underprivileged sectors.
 - D. Everybody deserves to be treated as human being no matter what he looks like.
14. How should oneself and others be perceived in serving others?
- A. as a pair
 - B. as an opponent
 - C. as a hindrance
 - D. as a critic
15. Which of the following is an incorrect notion about intersubjectivity?
- A. Its endpoint will always be fair and unbiased.
 - B. It promotes a view that all people are equal.
 - C. Individuals and others are seen as pairs.
 - D. It promotes honing of academic skills.



Key to Answers

What I Need to Know

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| 6. D | 6. C | 11. B |
| 7. B | 7. B | 12. B |
| 8. D | 8. D | 13. A |
| 9. A | 9. C | 14. D |
| 10. C | 10. B | 15. B |

What's In

- RONNEL DEL RIO – first blind Filipino to earn a graduate in a Master’s Degree in Management Technology and a broadcast journalist
- ANNA KRISTINA ARCE – first Filipino to be awarded the World Deaf Leadership Scholarship at the Gallaudet University in Washington DC in 2012

What's New

- The list may show different happenings in society and things people do everyday. The emphasis is on the different views and beliefs yet there is unity and empathy to others.

What Is It

- Opinions about the two individuals given who despite of their differences have given significant contributions in the field they serve are acceptable.

What's More

- The answer must cite about the capabilities that each one has and that they complement each other.

What I Have Learned

- Answers may point out that:
 - intersubjectivity is accepting each other as a person
 - accepting differences leads to unity and consider others to be unique

Assessment: (Post-Test)

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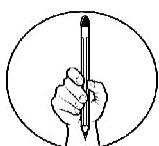
Appreciating People With Disabilities



What I Need to Know

At the end of this module, you should be able to:

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2. Appreciate the talents of persons with disabilities and those from the underprivileged sectors of society and their contributions to society.
3. Perform activities that demonstrate the talents of persons with disabilities and those from the underprivileged sectors of society.



What I Know

Multiple Choice. Select the letter of the best answer from among the given choices.

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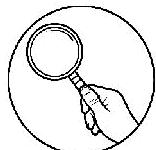
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What' New

Key questions:

1. What is intersubjectivity?
2. Differentiate I-It from I-Thou relationship.
3. What is dialogue?

CONCEPT

INTERSUBJECTIVITY is a condition of man, a subject, among other men, who are also subjects. It refers to the shared awareness and understanding among persons. It is made possible by the awareness of self and the other.

A **DIALOGUE** is an interaction between persons that happens through speech or the use of words, expressions, and body language. It occurs when two persons “open up” to each other, give, and receive one another in their encounter. Genuine dialogue occurs when persons are willing to share themselves with one another. The awareness of each other’s presence as a true person is defined by the acceptance of each other’s uniqueness and differences.

For **Martin Buber**, an Australian-born Israeli Jewish Philosopher, human intersubjectivity is a true encounter through the three spheres of dialogue that “I” engages in. The I-THOU is the encounter between man and man where language is exchanged and is described as always mutual, real, and direct; it is an evidence of the reality of human intersubjectivity through language.

The human person is oriented toward relation and sharing in the communal life for the common good.

Intersubjectivity has significant contributions to society and relationships, including the following:

- It validates real and authentic subjective experiences.
- It facilitates interaction among individuals.
- It enables individuals to look at others equally, regardless of any physical or socio-demographic factor.
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EXERCISE: Using the image below, write a simple conversation of former classmates who re-united after 20 years.



The concept of intersubjectivity also promotes a view that all people are equal. This would imply that people from other sectors of society, such as those who have physical disabilities or socioeconomic challenges, are seen as individuals with the same potential and talents as anybody else. Because intersubjectivity is unbiased, everyone has the power to understand relationships and interactions occurring within the society with little regard to social or physical deficiencies. In effect, people who come from marginalized situations are still seen as significant contributors to society through their talents, skills, and capabilities.

The following are some authentic examples of disadvantaged individuals who have significantly contributed to society:

1. Stephen Hawking



He is a physicist and cosmologist who, despite his rare medical condition called amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), made significant contributions to contemporary studies of relativity and quantum physics.

2. Oprah Winfrey



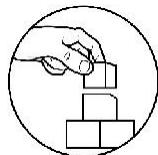
As a child, Oprah Winfrey experienced living in a poor household and was sexually abused. Despite this, she motivated herself to succeed and did so by being one of the richest women alive today.



“All real living is a meeting”

“All actual life is encounter” – Martin Buber

How does one's relationship with fellow human beings help him understand and enrich his own humanity?



What's More

The recognition of our shared humanity and dignity is what drives us to extend assistance and act with concern towards others, especially towards individuals or groups that experience hardships and discrimination. For instance, those who are physically and mentally challenged often experience hardships because of their condition. Despite their limitations, many of them have successfully transcended their disabilities to become productive and happy individuals.

HELEN KELLER (1880-1968) was an American author, political activist, and the first deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor's degree. **NICHOLAS JAMES “NICK” VUJICIC** is an Australian evangelist and motivational speaker who was born with phocomelia, a condition in which a person is born with no arms and legs. Lastly, **ROSELLE AMBUBUYOG**. She is the first visually- impaired Filipino to graduate summa cum laude from Ateneo de Manila in 2001. Despite her handicap (loss of vision), she was a consistent honors student.



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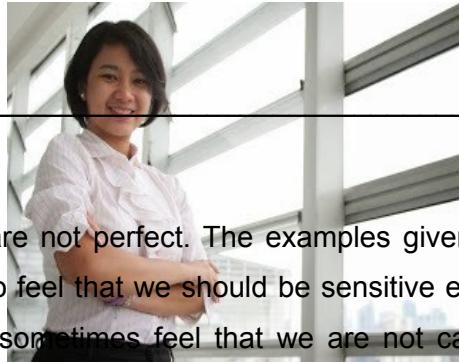
EXERCISE: Write the most extraordinary talent of the following PWDs:

1. HELEN KELLER

2. NICHOLAS JAMES "NICK" VUJICIC



3. ROSELLE AMBUBUYOG



Living in this world is not perfect. We are not perfect. The examples given were a motivation for us, for these give us inspiration to feel that we should be sensitive enough to understand every individual's differences. We sometimes feel that we are not capable of doing things but from the given examples, we can say that we should be thankful already of what we can do.

Intersubjectivity really plays significant role in each of us in understanding the differences among us.

What I Can Do

Who are these people? Choose one person whose picture shown below and research about his life and works. Write a reflection paper about their significant contributions.

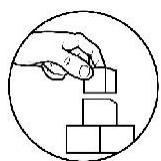
Ronnel Del Rio

Anna Kristina Arce

Gilda Quintua-Nakahara



REFLECTION (*Write here*)



What's More

Various advocacies supporting persons with disabilities have resulted in the institution of events and commemorations such as PARALYMPICS, an international sport competition modeled after the Olympics that features athletes with disabilities. The United Nations has also instituted days of awareness. Such as World Down Syndrome Day (March 21), World Autism Awareness Day (April 2), and International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3).

Countries around the world are encouraged to celebrate these days with activities that highlight individuals with disabilities. In many of these events, people with disabilities come together to show case their abilities and talents in talent shows, symposiums, and conventions. These events bring together “able” and “disabled” people in the spirit of friendship and cooperation.

Exercise: Based on the image below, identify the disability and the talent/ ability of the PWD.

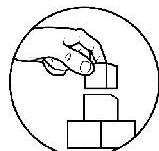
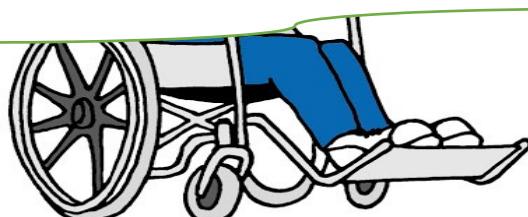
Disability _____

Talent/Ability _____



POINT OF VIEW:

How do you react when you see persons with disabilities and street children? Why?



What's More

CASE STUDY:

Where There is a Will, There is a Way

A poor Orissa girl with afflicted limbs learns writing with her toes to become a teacher

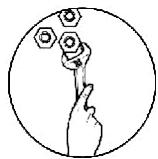
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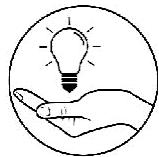
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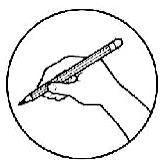
What I Have Learned

Write the things that you learned about the lesson based on the activities given.
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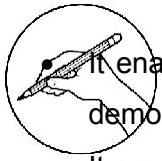


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Key to Answers (Post Test)

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- 4. c
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