

## (2) WHAT CONNECTS US?

**ACTIVITY 1:** Match the sentence halves 1-7 with a-g.

conform conformist do your own thing  
follow the crowd have (sth) in common outsider  
peer pressure rebel (v) rebel (n) stand out in a crowd

1. You can feel the peer ...
2. I'm not from here, so I feel like ...
3. Billy doesn't want to be like everyone else. He prefers to stand ...
4. Amy and I get along OK, but we don't have a huge amount ...
5. Don't worry about me. I'm going to do ...
6. Dare to be different! Don't follow ...
7. She always follows the rules. She's definitely a ...

- a) in common.
- b) an outsider.
- c) conformist.
- d) pressure at school.
- e) my own thing.
- f) the crowd
- g) out in a crowd.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**ACTIVITY 2:** Write 5 (five) things you have in common with your partner. Use the words in the box.

### Key phrases Talking about similarities and differences

What sort of ... do you usually ... ?

I'd say I'm a ....

In terms of ..., I like stuff that's ....

I have good / normal / unusual taste in ....

We have / don't have the same taste in ....

We have ... in common.


**ACTIVITY 3:** Read the article and choose the correct alternative for the questions.

- 1 The author wrote the text to
  - a teach us about something.
  - b recommend a good book.
- 2 The author supports his/her ideas with
  - a statistics and examples from real life.
  - b strong personal opinions.
- 3 The author wants us to think about
  - a the type of stories that can influence us.
  - b the way that we behave.

**ACTIVITY 4:** Personal questions.

1. When was the last time you did something kind? What did you do?

2. How could you include someone like Auggie and help them fit in?

**ACTIVITY 5:** Complete the sentences with nouns formed from the verbs in parentheses.

*-ance -ice -ing -ment -sion -tion*

1. My brother's studying child \_\_\_\_\_ in college. (develop)
2. Maybe you haven't had the same experience, but you can use your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A basic \_\_\_\_\_ of how emotions affect the body can be very helpful. (understand)
4. What was Luke's \_\_\_\_\_ to the news? (react)
5. You shouldn't judge people by their \_\_\_\_\_. (appear)
6. Did you see the \_\_\_\_\_ on Jasmine's face? (express)
7. I've almost finished my essay, but I still need to write the \_\_\_\_\_. (conclude)
8. What's the best \_\_\_\_\_ for a sore throat? (treat)
9. Emil will need to do a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ before his driving test. (practice)