

# GENDER ROLES

**Think:** What are gender roles? How would you define them? Do they really exist or it's our common stereotype?

## **1. Watch the video and answer the following questions:**

1. Why is Ross (the dad) so upset about Ben (the son) playing with a Barbie?
  - ☐ Because he doesn't like Barbies
  - ☐ Because he doesn't think it's appropriate for boys
  - ☐ Because his ex-wife gave him the Barbie
2. Why does Ben have the Barbie?
  - ☐ Because he chose it at the store
  - ☐ Because Susan gave it to him
  - ☐ Because they didn't have any other toys
3. How do Carol and Susan react to Ross' opposition to Ben playing with the Barbie?
  - ☐ They don't pay too much attention to it
  - ☐ They agree with Ross
  - ☐ They are offended by his reaction
4. What does Ross do about the situation?
  - ☐ He shows Ben other toys to play with
  - ☐ He plays with Ben and his Barbie
  - ☐ He hides the Barbie
5. Who tells Ross that he is exaggerating about the Barbie:
  - ☐ Monica and Joey
  - ☐ Joey and Rachel
  - ☐ Monica and Rachel
6. What did Ross use to do when he was little?
  - ☐ Call Monica "B"
  - ☐ Dress up like a woman
  - ☐ Sing songs all the time

**2. Multiple choice . Fill the gaps in the text with the correct word below:**

Gender roles can be (1)\_\_\_\_\_ as the behaviours, values, and attitudes that a society considers appropriate for (2)\_\_\_\_\_ male and female. Traditionally, men and women had completely different (3)\_\_\_\_\_, men were seen as the provider for the family and women were seen as the caretakers of both the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ and the family. Gender roles influence a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ range of human behaviour, often including the clothing a person chooses, the profession a person (6)\_\_\_\_\_, and the personal relationships a person enters. People have occasionally felt pressure to act or look a certain way based on their gender. This pressure can make people unhappy, especially if they are being asked to be or act in a way that does not (7)\_\_\_\_\_ who they really are. Today people have more freedom (8)\_\_\_\_\_ ever to express themselves, regardless of their gender.



1	a called	b defined	c mentioned	d determined
2	a both	b some	c all	d none
3	a parts	b character	c papers	d roles
4	a home	b house	c residence	d place
5	a big	b wide	c extensive	d large
6	a follows	b continues	c pursues	d chases
7	a appear	b fit	c adjust	d match
8	a from	b what	c than	d for