

# Things I Hate

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Things I hate. Well, there is enormous number of things that I hate to do, hate to be with, or hate to think of. Such as the person on a train who sits right next to me where there is many empty seats. Or the moment when I drop an eraser and nobody takes it for me. That is awkward. But what I hate the most is, discrimination.

When you heard the word “discrimination”, you might have felt “this speech would be serious and boring”. When this word sticks to your mind in negative way, it becomes hard for me to tell any message. So today, I would like you to think about “nothing”, to not to discriminate the word, “discrimination”.

When I was in Belgium about 10 years ago in local kindergarten, nobody saw me discriminately. I was always crying going to the kindergarten because of the language barrier. But never is because of the racism. People in the kindergarten always handed tissues for me to wipe away the tears. Later my mother confessed me that she was very impressed by it. She has thought I would be lonely because I am Asian. She has worried that children would not play with a person who looks different from them. Children are always brutal. She then realised that she did not need to worry about it. I have learnt that when there is no stereotype, no discrimination would be occurred. We learn inside and outside of the school and we eventually build up prejudices. Sometimes people believe the silly stereotypes. For example some people don't like Germany because they believe that German politics are still following Hitler's idea after they learn Second World War. The people might just mix up the present days and the past. But still, this is ridiculous. It can be said that the more you learn, the more chance stereotypes would be built.

Second country that I lived was Australia. I then faced the racism. I have commuted to the local high school with weird but warm hearted friends. I enjoyed being there but there was people who don't let Asian people inside of

their mental territory. Australia is a migrated country so there are number of people who discriminate the outsiders. Fortunately I was not said any backbiting. Or maybe I just didn't notice it. It must have been the luckiest thing I've had. However a group of Chinese girls used to be the target. This group's girls talk with each other in Chinese when each class is over so this might be the reason why they became the one. I had several nice friends in the group so every time I heard backbiting about them, my heart ached. They talk Chinese only after the class so I did not care too much. I understood their feeling somehow because I could not speak any of English for a first year. I have always felt if I could only talk in Japanese and everyone gets what I am saying. Japanese was the only thing I could rely on. The group's girls have got each other who are from the same country, so they might have relied on each other. People who discriminated didn't know our helplessness, loneliness and depression being in the country where people speak what we don't understand. Everyone's background should be respected.

Even I say all these, I sometimes see people with glasses of prejudices. "To not to discriminate" is our goal for future. However not everyone can see people without any stereotypes. So what we should do instead? It is an easy question. We should admit that we see people stereotypically. This never means that we can discriminate people. Every time you see someone with the glasses of prejudice, you should recognise that you actually look at them in that way. If you notice and regret by it, you would get less opportunity to look people with the glasses next time. And eventually you would improve yourself and successfully you would take off the glasses. I hope the world is going to be a better place for me to reduce the things I hate.