



## Teaching about consent.

KS3 Lesson 2: Avoiding assumptions\*



\*Ensure you read the guidance before teaching the lesson

## Using this PowerPoint

The slides in this presentation are divided into two sections:

- (i) Teacher slides (purple) provide key information regarding lesson preparation.
- (ii) **Pupil slides** (white) provide a visual focus point for pupils during the lesson and delivery notes for teachers about the activities. Click 'notes' to view these.

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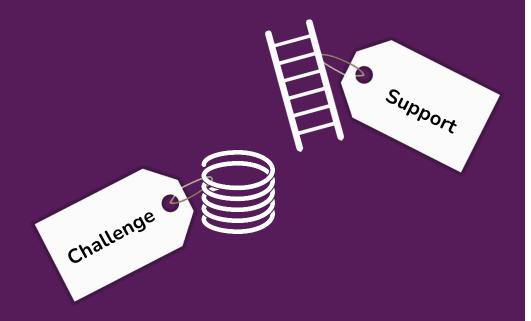


The lesson includes suggestions for challenge and support activities, to help you differentiate appropriately for your class.

Challenge activities deepen and extend the learning for those who need more challenge or who finish the activity quickly.

**Support activities** are adapted to be more accessible for those who need it.

Look for the logo on the pupil slides. See delivery notes for details of the activities.



#### Context

This is the second of three lessons for key stage 3 students on the topic of consent. This lesson looks specifically at assumptions that can be made in relation to consent, particularly in new relationships, and how these can be challenged or avoided.

The lessons have been written with Year 8/9 students in mind, however you may choose to teach them to a different year group based on your knowledge of your students' needs and readiness.

Neither this, nor any other lesson, is designed to be taught in isolation, but should always form part of a planned, developmental PSHE education programme. It is essential that these lessons are taught within the context of wider learning about healthy relationships.

### Learning objectives

• To learn about common assumptions related to consent and how to challenge these.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Students will be able to:

- identify common assumptions related to consent and explain why these are wrong
- explain the right to not give/withdraw consent at any time and why this must be respected
- describe or demonstrate ways to avoid making assumptions related to consent, and strategies someone could use to not give or withdraw consent

Teacher slide







### Climate for learning

Make sure you have read the accompanying teacher guidance notes before teaching this lesson for guidance on establishing ground rules, the limits of confidentiality, communication and handling questions effectively.

#### **Duration**

This has been designed to be taught as a **60** minute PSHE education lesson.

### Resources required

- Box or envelope for anonymous questions
- Flipchart paper and pens
- Resource 1: Assumption statements [1 copy]
- Resource 2: Assumptions storyboard [1 per group]
- Resource 2a: Possible assumptions and behaviours [as required – optional support]

### Further guidance

Members of the PSHE Association can access our website for further guidance <a href="https://www.pshe-association.org.uk">www.pshe-association.org.uk</a>.

## Lesson summary

# Teacher slide

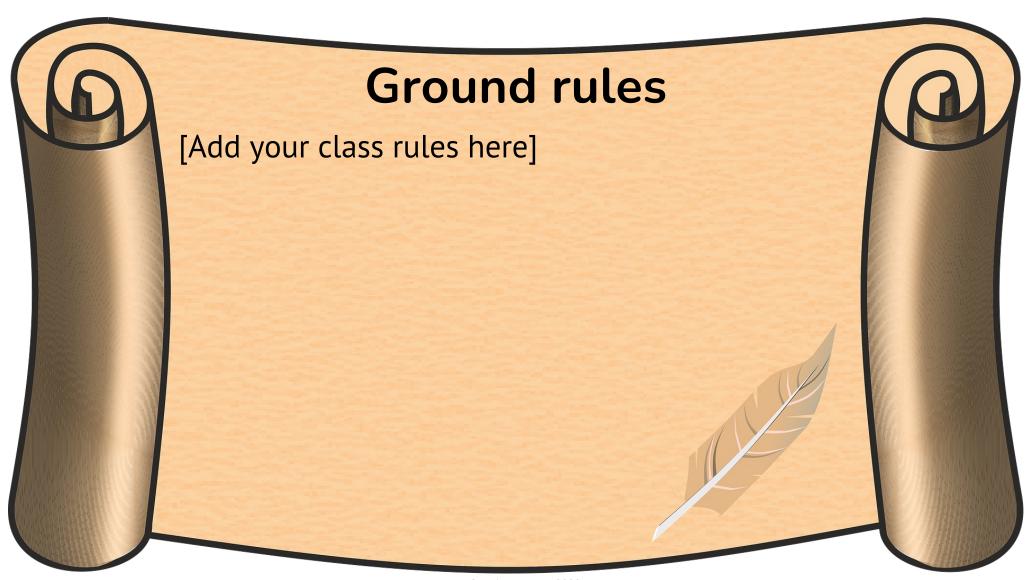
	Activity	Description	Timing
1.	Introduction	Introduce learning objectives and outcomes and reinforce ground rules.	5 mins
2.	Reconnecting activity	Students summarise their understanding of consent using a rap, poem or short news bulletin.	5 mins
3.	Assumption statements	Working in groups, students respond to statements which include an assumption about consent.	15 mins
4.	Assumptions and their consequences	Students respond to a storyboard focused on gendered assumptions and the consequences of these for behaviours and sexual encounters.	15 mins
5.	Advising Miranda and Mikey	Students write advice to Miranda and Mikey, explaining how to withdraw consent.	10 mins
6.	Endpoint assessment	Students practise statements to withdraw or not give their consent.	5 mins
7.	Signpost support	Ensure students are aware of where to access support and further advice about consent.	5 mins



# Avoiding assumptions

Lesson 2

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### What can we remember?

In pairs, summarise everything you know about consent. You could do this through:

- An acrostic poem using the word CONSENT
- A 60 second news bulletin
- A rap or song



### **Assumption statements**

- Are these statements acceptable? Underline any parts of the statements that you think are inappropriate.
- If the first part of the statement is true, does that mean the second part must be true? Why / why not?
- How do you think each person in the situation is feeling right now?
- What do you think might happen next?







## **Assumption statements**

Looking at all the statements, what assumptions are being made?



- Consenting to one thing does not mean consenting to something else.
- Consenting at one time does not mean consenting at all times.
- The way someone looks, behaves or dresses should never be taken as a sign of consent.
- Consenting with one person does not mean consenting with someone else.
- Assumptions can lead to feelings of confusion and rejection, or pressure and awkwardness.

## Assumptions and their consequences Homework due 6th March



Read part 1 of the storyboard.

List as many assumptions as you can that Miranda and Mikey might be making.

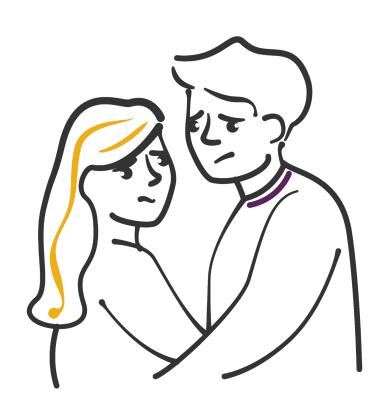
Now read part 2.

How might these assumptions make Miranda and Mikey behave differently when they get together?



## Assumptions and their consequences

- 1. Where might Mikey's and Miranda's assumptions about sex have come from?
- 2. Are the assumptions likely to help Mikey and Miranda have a positive, healthy, sexual experience? Why / why not?
- 3. What might help Mikey and Miranda to manage their assumptions and make for a better experience for both of them?
- 4. How might these assumptions be similar or different in a same sex relationship?



## **Advising Miranda and Mikey**

Let's now read Part 3.



Write some advice to either Miranda or Mikey, explaining all the different ways they could withdraw their consent.

- What could they say to withdraw their consent?
- What could they do to show they are no longer consenting?
- How do they think a loving partner is likely to respond?
- What might they do/say if their partner accused them of 'leading them on'?

### How to say no

Each take a turn standing up and saying a phrase or response someone could use if they wanted to **not give** or **withdraw** consent.



## Signposting support

Remember! There is always someone you can speak to. If you have questions or concerns, you can speak to:

- Your tutor or PSHE teacher
- Your head of year or a member of the safeguarding team
- School nurse / counsellor

There are also organisations where you can find more and speak to trusted adults, such as:

Childline: 0800 111 www.childline.org.uk



### More activities



As you're watching TV this week, look out for examples of times where consent is either respected or not respected by the characters.

#### Can you identify any:

- verbal or non-verbal cues the characters give?
- assumptions either of the character have made?
- ways these assumptions could have been avoided?