

stereotypes and prejudices



## 2. Examples of stereotypes



**Exercise:** write some adjectives about common stereotypes on people using the structure below:

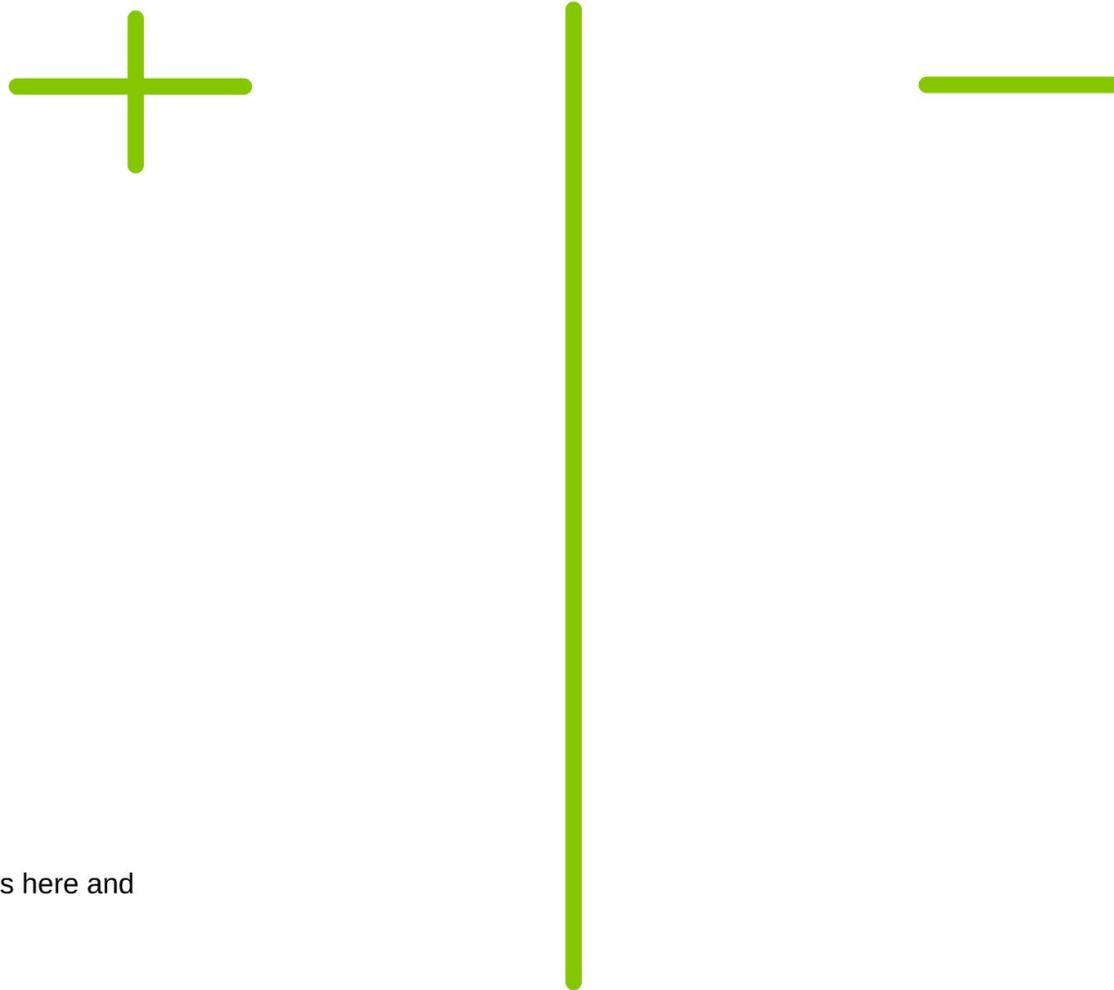
I'm a student so I must be.....

I'm a woman so I should .....

I'm a ..... so I must.....

<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/stop-the-stereotypes>

### 3. T-Chart about adjectives describing people



Exercise: write the adjectives here and find their opposite

T-Chart



extrovert

big spender

active/powerful

intelligent

good looking

beautiful

awesome

clever

smart

friendly

determined

candid

warm hearted

simple

funny

efficient



introvert

stingy

lazy

stupid

ugly horrible

awfull

naive

unfriendly

undetermined

dirty particular

without heart

complicated

disturbing boring

unproductive

Some examples of adjectives  
written by students

## 4. How a stereotype works:

keywords:

perception                      evidence                      stressing  
memorizing                      expectations                      selecting                      confirming

- at the **perception** level by stressing generalisations
- while **memorizing**, by selecting the information according to the most stereotyped
  - creating **expectations** towards people
- as an **auto-confirmation** against evidence

## 5. Examples on how stereotypes work

- When I see a policeman I normally know (memorizing) that he is.....  
(perception level) and he will ..... (expectations) even though  
once it happened.....(evidence)

- When I meet a businessman I normally think that  
he is .....and he will .....even though once  
happened.....

-If I know an artist I think that he is.....and  
he will.....even though once it  
happened.....

Exercise: Complete the sentences given using the adjectives proposed and any more idea that fit the situation,  
then underline the four levels in which a stereotype work

- When I see a policeman I normally know (memorizing) that he is...serious..... (perception level) and he will respect the law..... (expectations) even though once it happened that I saw a funny policeman who exceeded the speed limit.....(evidence)

- When I meet a businessman I normally think that he is ...intelligent....and he will ...be rich.....even though once happened...to see an unproductive and poor man...

-If I know an artist I think that he is...creative.....and he will...be good at drawing....even though once it happened to see horrible creations.....

Examples of sentences completed by students