

USE OF LANGUAGE



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How is dementia portrayed in the media? Find articles that use language differently when describing dementia and people who have dementia.

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What does that tell you about stigmatisation? Read the article and go online and find other articles and headings that either stigmatise or do not stigmatise dementia and which try to break down taboos.

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DEBATE ABOUT DEMENTIA

Get ready to hold a debate about dementia. Take your starting point from one of the articles and find arguments for and against.

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- ↓ www.alzheimer.dk/temaer-om-demens/naar-demente-gaar-vaek/
- ↓ www.videnscenterfordemens.dk/gps/
- ↓ www.dsr.dk/ser/dilemmaer/boer-man-bruge-overvaagning-til-demente-doersoegende-aeldre-borgere
- ↓ www.jv.dk/esbjerg/Esbjerg-politikere-oensker-chip-under-huden-paa-demente/artikel/2567792

How to get started

Split the class into groups and let the pupils prepare a five minute speech, or whatever you think is suitable. The pupils must present both sides of the arguments when they speak. Afterwards, let the class hold a discussion.

Group 1

People who have dementia cannot move safely in traffic and have difficulty moving around. They are in danger when they go outside. It is therefore unethical if society does not lock them indoors or put them under surveillance when they go outside.

Group 2

People who have dementia cannot move safely in traffic and have difficulty moving around. Therefore they need others to keep an eye on them and to go with them when they go outside. Even though you are diagnosed with dementia, you have just as much right to fresh air and freedom of movement as everyone else. It is therefore unethical to lock people who have dementia indoors and put them under surveillance.

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HOW CAN YOU BEST HELP PETER?

Exercise

- Split the class into groups
- Hand out notepaper to the groups with information about Peter
- Read aloud the situation

The situation

Peter is not safe in traffic. He walks in front of cars and has poor balance. If he falls over and bangs his head, he cannot telephone someone for help. Peter cannot remember his own address.

Peter often walks around at night and his family are very worried about him. They have therefore decided that Peter should be fitted with a GPS tracker. This way they can find him should he become injured. They have also decided that the outside door to the home where Peter lives should be locked using a combination lock so that Peter cannot open the door. Is this okay?

Reading material for inspiration

If you want to have a general discussion about surveillance, you can find inspiration about the topic in these articles:

www.nyheder.tv2.dk/udland/2018-04-15-ekstrem-overvaagning-i-kina-alle-faar-point-for-deres-opfoersel

www.etik.dk/overv%C3%A5gning/skal-for%C3%A6ldre-overv%C3%A5ge-deres-b%C3%B8rn-ved-hj%C3%A6lp-af-mobiltelefonen

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Task 2a



Peter is 17 years old and often goes into town and gets really drunk. This means he is not capable of paying attention to the road and keeping himself safe on his way home. His balance is poor. It is winter and the temperature outside is ten degrees below freezing. He forgot his jacket back at the disco. Now all he is wearing is a thin shirt and trousers. He does not have any money or a mobile phone.



Now that you know more about Peter's situation, does it change your opinion about locked doors and GPS tracking?

Would your opinion be different if Peter was 18 years old?

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Task 2b



Peter is three years old and often sleepwalks. This means he often walks around outside at night. He also often leaves the house or the kindergarten on his own because he loves to go on adventures without mum or dad.



Does this new information about Peter change your opinion about locked doors and GPS tracking?

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Task 2c



Peter is 80 years old and has a type of dementia called Alzheimer's. He has lost the ability to focus, he has arthritis and he also suffers from dizziness. He cannot remember where he lives and does not know where he is when he walks about outside.



Does this new information about Peter change your opinion about locked doors and GPS tracking?

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