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## SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities

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### DETAILS:

**Reduced Inequalities.** Goal 10 calls for reducing inequalities in income as well as those based on age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status within a country or between countries.

**Fact - Women spend, on average, twice as much time on unpaid housework as men. Under "business as usual", the top 1 percent of people will own 39 percent of global wealth by 2050.**

Most of us have good eyesight and good mobility, but not everyone does. If someone was born with limited or no eyesight, or lost the use of their legs in an accident, are they less entitled to be able to make their own way to school or to the shop?

Obviously not. So, wouldn't it be unfair on them if there were impediments to them making their way along the path in their own neighbourhood?

1. To check this out, choose a route from your house, such as to the local shop or to school:
  - Walk this route, checking out things like broken or uneven footpaths, narrow spaces due to street furniture or inconsiderate parking.
  - Are there things that you avoid because you can see them, such as branches and bushes growing out over the footpath?



2. Having looked at the route and identified the hazards, now go a step further and experience it:
  - Wear a blindfold which takes away your vision and try to make the journey.
  - You need help with this so have someone along who will keep you safe from traffic, but lets you encounter the other obstacles yourself!
  - If possible, borrow a wheelchair and try the same route again.
  - In addition to the obstacles along the way, how do you fare at your destination?
  - Are there steps and is there an effective ramp for you instead?
  
3. Even if you can't borrow a wheelchair, try pushing along a child's stroller to get a similar experience.
  - Note your findings and come up with some solutions.
  - Check out the Difference v Inequality Challenge, see if you can tell what is what.
  - The easy way to tell them apart is that difference is natural and is totally fine, but inequality is unfair. It's not always that easy or obvious but see what you think.
  
4. Draw a picture of yourself and three other people your own age, but who are very different from you. They could be a different body shape, different culture, different gender, different appearance, different health and different skin colour. When you are done, look at the picture and note while the differences might be obvious, there are many more things which are the same.



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