

## SOCIAL THINKING

### Part 9 - Session 32

#### Theme: Perspective Taking

The Social Fake 1

#### Aims:

- For students to understand that we sometimes need to pretend to be interested in what someone is saying to maintain a relationship (Social Fake).
- For students to know how to use Non-Verbal Communication (NVC) to demonstrate being a good 'Social Fake'.
- For students to know how to use verbal communication to demonstrate being a good social fake e.g. talking about the same topic, asking questions, actively listening.
- For students to be aware that others are forming opinions of them through their ability to be a good 'Social Fake' e.g. polite, impolite etc.

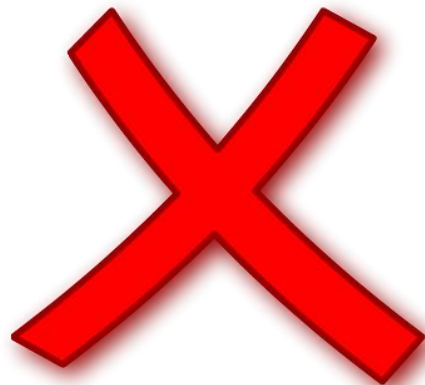
Activity	Procedure	Equipment
<b>Introduction</b>	Start by talking about hidden social rules that we all follow. Explain that sometimes we all pretend we are interested in what someone is saying when we are not; this is because it is polite. It is also a way to maintain a relationship/friendship. At some point in most of our daily lives we are all 'Social Fakes'. This is about reciprocal interactions which enable us to build relationships.	-
<b>True or false?</b>	Discuss the different statements and decide if they are true or false. Point out that both non-verbal communication and asking questions are important for showing an interest in someone's topic of conversation.	List of statements True/False symbols

## True or false?

1. Everything your friend says will always be interesting.
2. Sometimes we need to look interested in what someone is saying even when we aren't.
3. People that look interested in what someone else is saying are always truly interested in what is being said.
4. Sometimes we all listen to something that is not interesting to maintain a friendship.
5. It is polite to listen and ask questions when a person is telling you about something that you are not interested in.
6. Everything your teachers say will be interesting.
7. Nodding, making eye contact and turning your body towards a person are ways to show that you are interested.
8. Yawning when someone is telling you something will help them to think that you are interested in what they are saying.
9. Non-verbal communication (the way we use our eyes, bodies, and gestures) is important to showing someone what we think of them and their conversational topic.
10. Sometimes everyone gets bored with what a friend or family member is saying but it's best to look interested.
11. Asking someone questions about their topic of conversation shows that we are bored.



True



False