


# A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Recognising and challenging stereotypes  
of visible difference

PRIMARY  
LESSON  
ONE



## Today we will learn:

- What a stereotype is and identify some examples.
  - What a visible difference is.
  - How stereotypes of visible difference are often used in film and on TV.
  - What impact negative stereotypes of visible difference can have on people.
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## **What does a 'baddie' from a film look like?**

Think about the 'baddies' you've seen in films and on TV and draw a picture of one of them.

# CLASS DISCUSSION

What does the word **stereotype** mean?



A **stereotype** is an idea about a particular group of people that is often untrue or unfair.









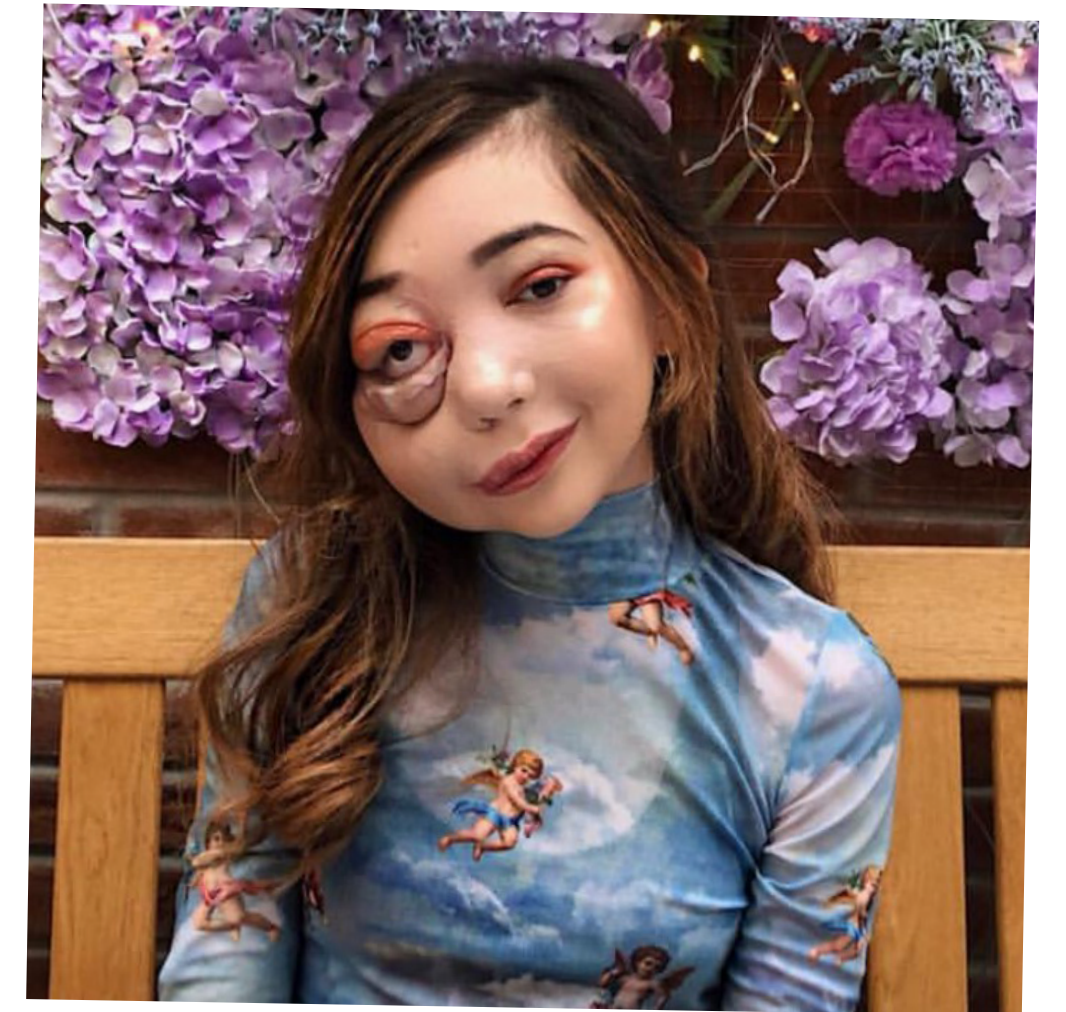
Today we're going to be talking about how **stereotypes** affect people who have a visible difference (a mark, scar or condition that affects how they look).



## Causes of a visible difference:

- Skin conditions like eczema, acne, or vitiligo
- Burns
- Birthmarks
- Craniofacial conditions, affecting the growth and development of the skull and face
- Cleft lip/palate (a gap or split in the upper lip and/or roof of the mouth)
- Cancer

# There are many types of **visible difference**



# ACTIVITY

In your group, make a list of film or TV characters that have a scar, mark or condition that affects their appearance.



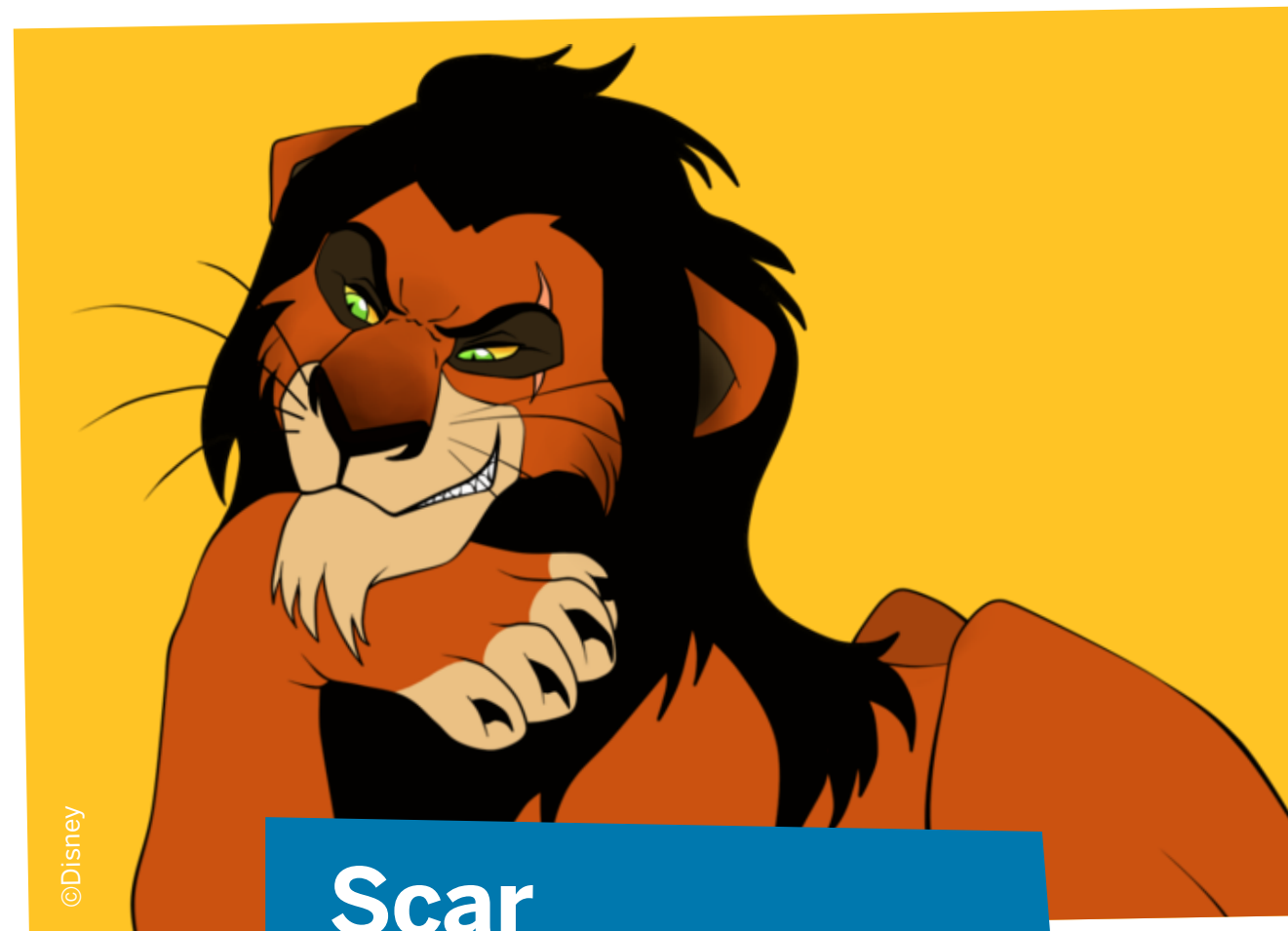
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HARRY POTTER



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**The Evil Queen**  
SNOW WHITE

# DISCUSSION

How might seeing stereotypes in films and on TV affect the feelings of people who have a visible difference?

Do you think seeing stereotypes makes people treat others differently, if they look different?

# TIME TO REFLECT

What have you learned about **stereotypes**?

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## Today we will learn:

- Other ways that a ‘baddie’ character can be shown.
  - How all stereotypes can be challenged.
  - How much you have learned about stereotypes and visible difference.
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