


A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Recognising and challenging stereotypes
of visible difference



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.
 - How all stereotypes can be challenged.
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Remember that when we discuss a topic:

- Only one person should talk at a time.
– no interrupting.
- Show respect for the views of others.
- Challenge the ideas not the person.
- Use appropriate language – no rude comments.
- Allow everyone to express their view, to ensure that everyone is heard and respected.
- Don't share personal stories without permission.

QUESTION TIME


What do these statements
have in common?



All women are
bad drivers



All teenagers
take drugs and
commit crime



Pensioners are
too old to enjoy
life anymore

Men are not very
good at looking
after children



They are all **stereotypes**.

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

QUESTION TIME

What makes a film or TV villain scary?



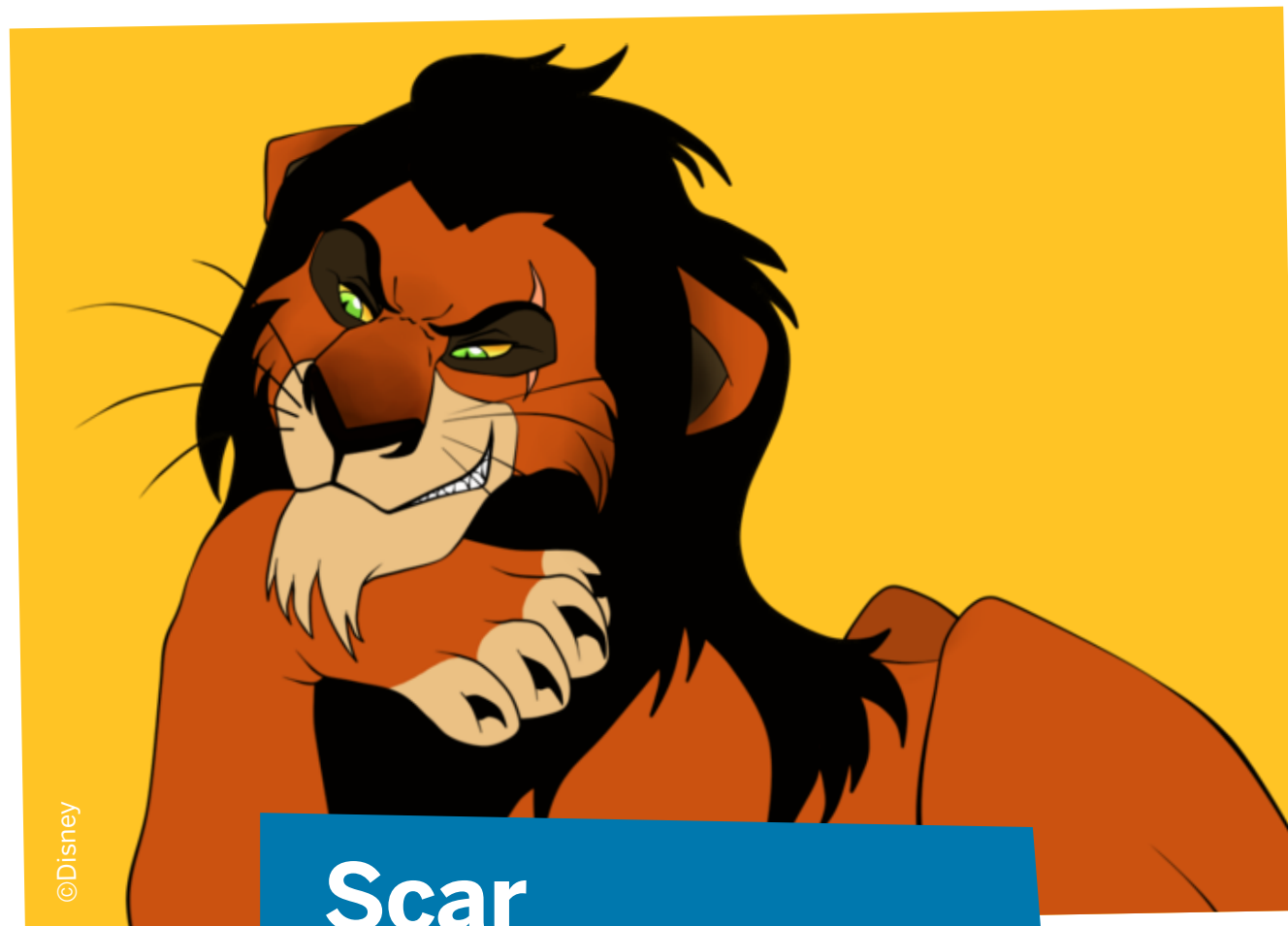
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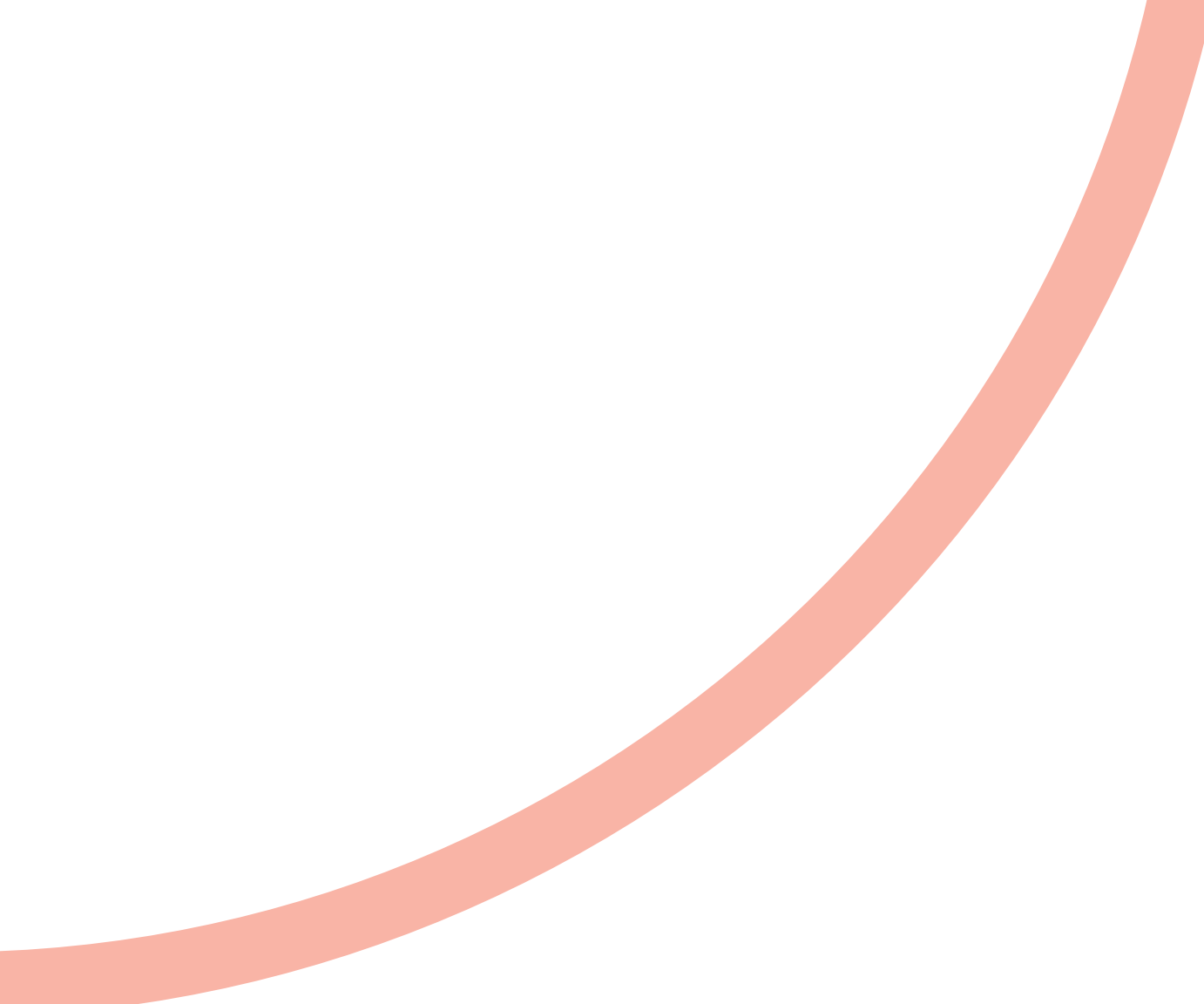
All of the villains on the previous slide have
an **unusual appearance**, such as a scar.

How many heroes can you think of who have a scar,
mark or condition that affects their appearance?

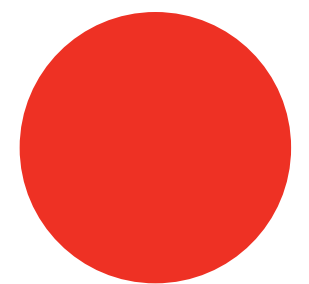


It's common for films and TV programmes to use the stereotype that if you look different, you must be a villain.

This has **a negative impact** on people who look different in real life.



A **visible difference** is a mark, scar or condition that affects the appearance of someone's face or body.





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**



#iamnotyourvillain



Find out more about visible differences
and respecting difference:
changingfaces.org.uk

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