



Social



Activity Reference	S3.4
Title:	A local issue
Aim:	To distinguish between feelings and opinions about a local issue
Outcome:	All: pupils will attempt to distinguish between feelings and opinions. Most: pupils will understand the differences between feelings and opinions. Some: pupils will be able to connect different words to opinions and feelings in a local news story.
Allocated Time:	1 hour
Overview:	This activity investigates people's expression of feelings about a local issue. Pupils focus on distinguishing between feelings and opinion through a local issue in a newspaper, which the teacher chooses.
Resources:	Template questionnaire sheet Local news story; online or from newspaper
Background Information / Links:	Local newspapers Local news websites National news websites
Instructions:	Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Print out a questionnaire for each student.• Select a local news article that deals with an important local issue, a suitable article needs to have lots of opinions and feelings contained within it.• Photocopy the article for each student or print the article if online. Activity Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask the students to read through the article and distinguish between feelings and opinions.• Ask the students to highlight the differences.• Hand out the questionnaire to each student.• Ask the students to discuss this issue with family and friends and record the responses using questionnaire provided.• Inform the students that they should ask their family and friends how they feel about the issue. The students will then need to

	distinguish between feelings and opinions in the responses.
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Resources

Questionnaire

How do you feel about

Name	Statement	Feeling	Opinion
e.g. John	I think it is a waste of time		✓
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
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