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There are things we all need to be able to live well and safely. These are called rights.

All people have equal value, and this means that all of us have equal rights. It doesn't matter if we are young or old, sick or healthy, poor or rich. It doesn't matter where we are born, what color our skin is, or what we believe.





There may be things you want, such as a trip to the zoo or a new toy. But these are different from the things you need. So how can we know the difference and decide what our rights are? How do we make sure that all the people in the world are treated equally and have what they need?

Find Out More

Books

Dreams of Freedom

Amnesty International, Lincoln Children's Books, 2015

Every Human Has Rights: A Photographic Declaration for Kids

National Geographic, 2008

I Have the Right to Be a Child

Alain Serres, Groundwood Books, 2012

Websites

Find out more about rights and equality and human rights activists: youthforhumanrights.org/what-are-human-rights

Save the Children is a charity that fights for children's rights: savethechildren.org

Watch a video describing young people's rights under international human rights law in friendly language: [youtube.com/watch?v=COjVj9czgrY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COjVj9czgrY)



Glossary

beliefs: ideas or values that people accept to be true

bullying: when someone repeatedly treats another person in a mean or unwanted way

equal: having the same value

government: the group of people who control and make decisions for a country

judge: an official who decides cases in a court

jury: a group of people who look at evidence in court to decide whether a person is innocent or guilty

opinions: views or ways of thinking that may not always be based on facts

politicians: people who are chosen to be part of a government

prison: a place where people are held when they have committed a crime or broken a law

refugee camps: temporary places where people stay when they are escaping war or hardship in their country

religion: a shared belief or system of beliefs that helps people find meaning in the world

responsibility: a duty to deal with something or take care of someone

rights: the things people need and should have to live well and safely

slavery: the practice of treating people as property and forcing them to work for little or no pay

torture: to cause deliberate harm to another person