



Ella Fitzgerald

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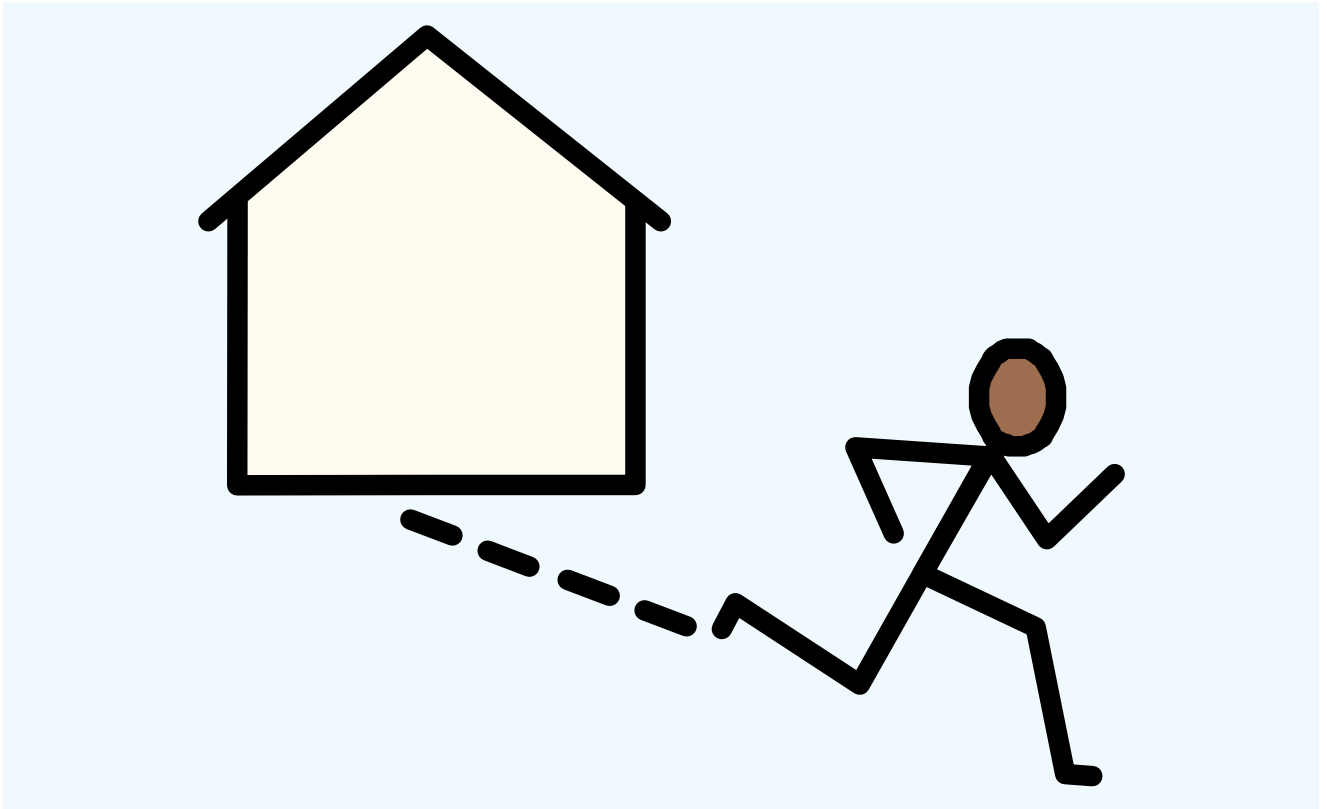


Ella Fitzgerald was born in Virginia, USA in 1917.

She grew up in New York.

She lived with her mother and her sister Frances.

Ella loved to dance and listen to jazz music.

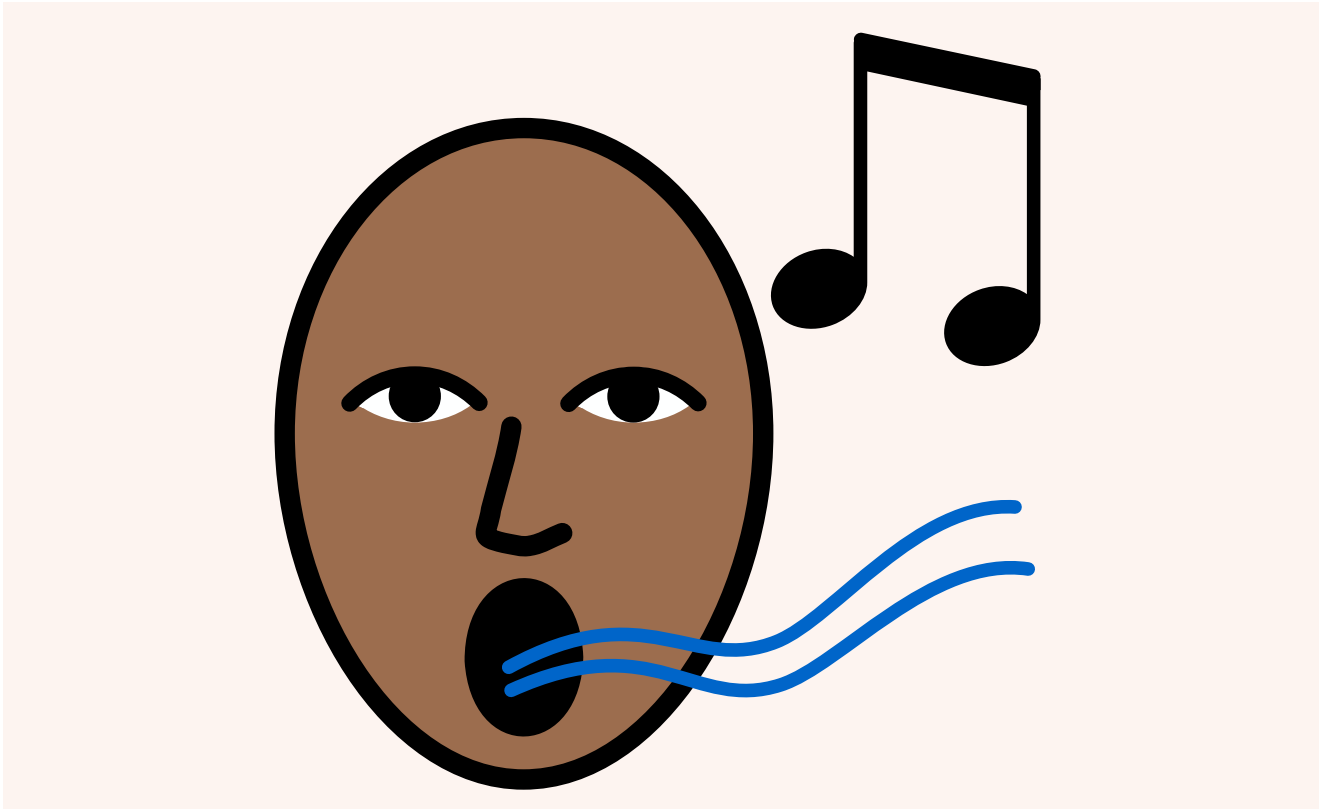


When Ella was 15, her mother died.

Ella went to live with her aunt.

Ella was unhappy and did badly at school.

She was sent to a very strict school but ran away.

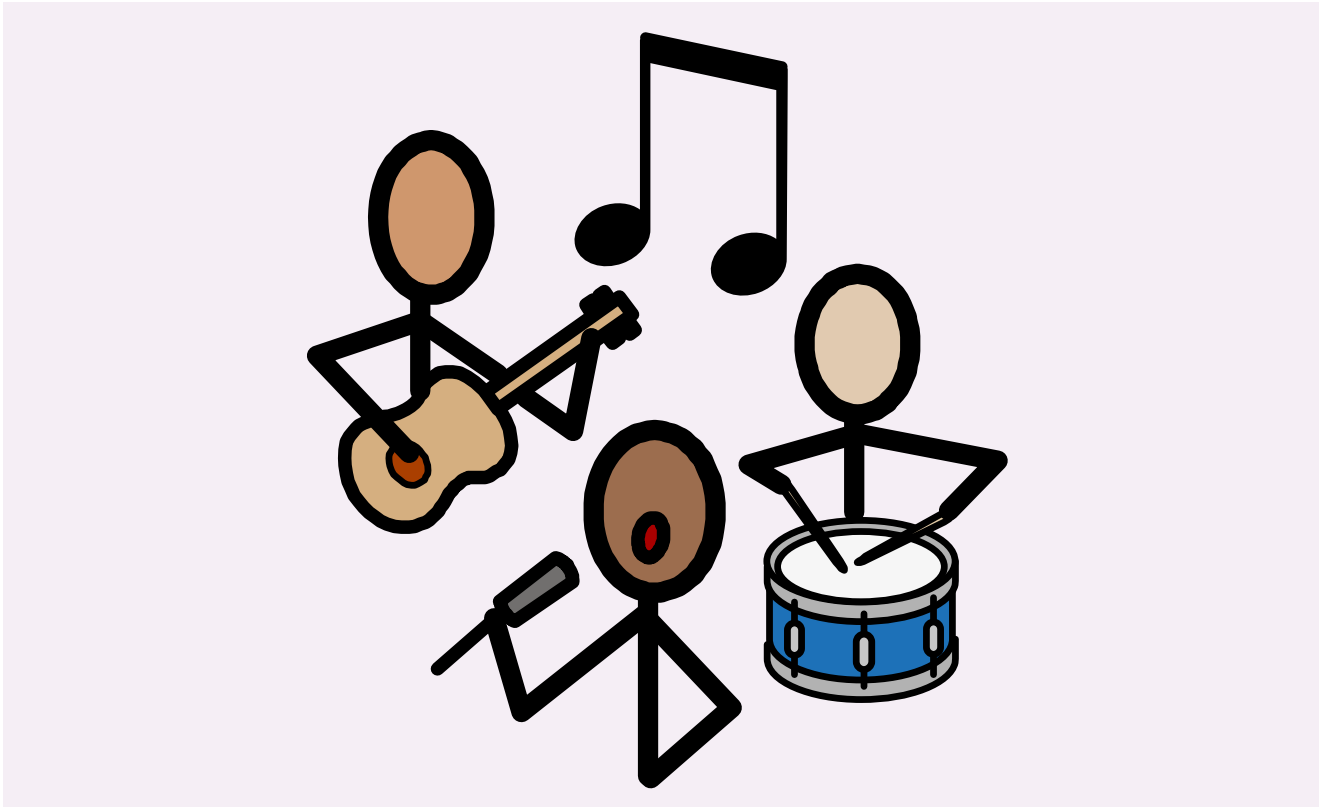


Ella had an amazing singing voice.

She began earning money by singing on the streets.

Ella entered a competition at a theatre.

She sang beautifully and she won first prize.

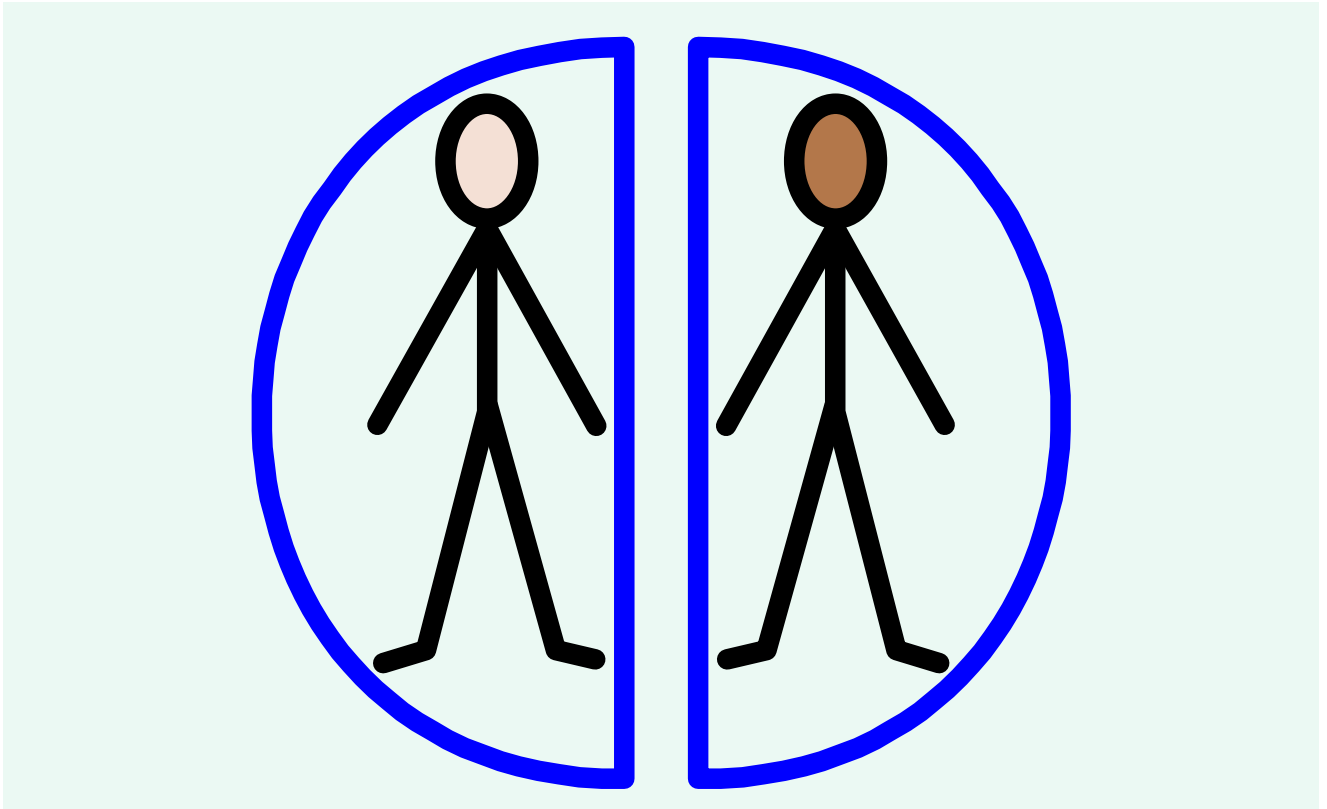


Ella was spotted by a band leader called Chick Webb.

She toured all over America with Chick and his band.

When Ella was 21 she recorded a hit record.

'A Tisket A Tasket' was about a nursery rhyme.

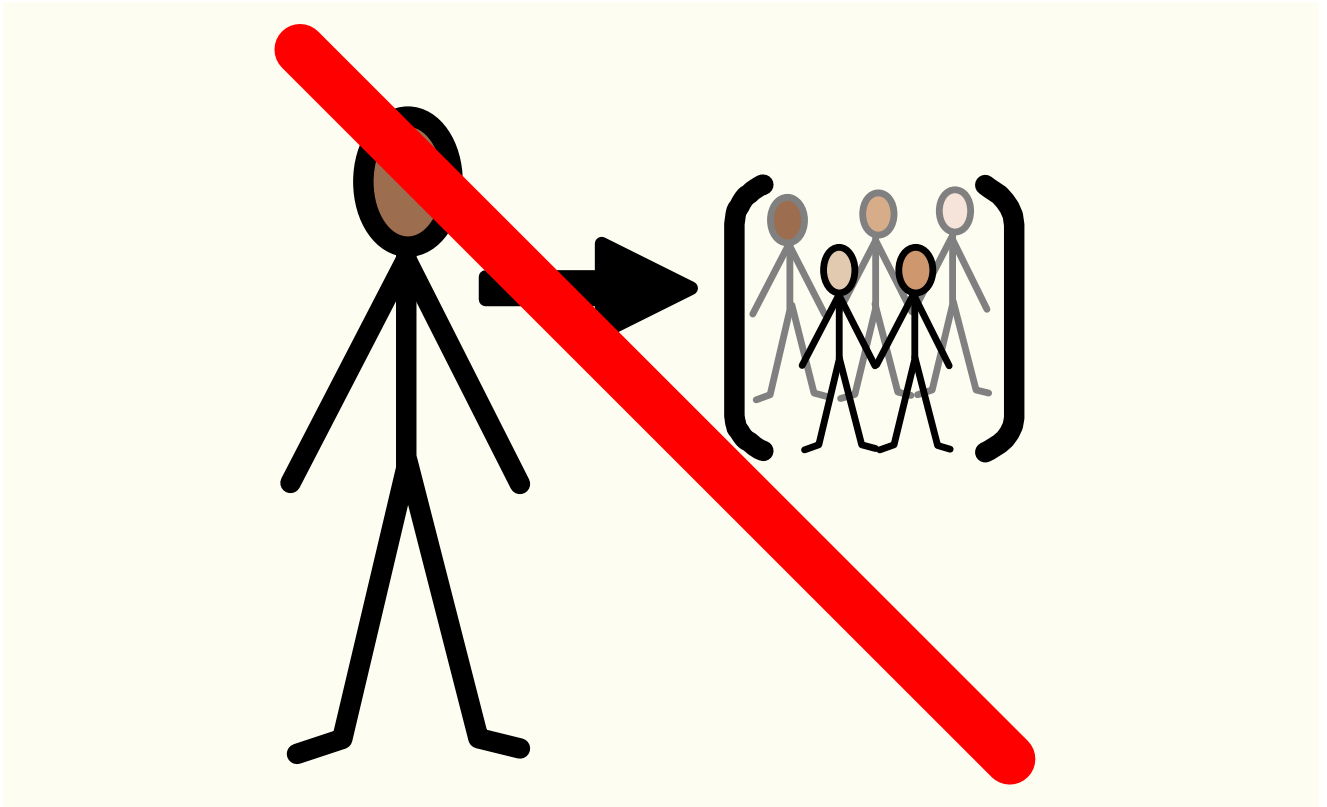


At that time in America there was segregation.

Black people were kept apart from white people.

Black people went to separate schools and churches.

They had to sit at the back on buses and trains.

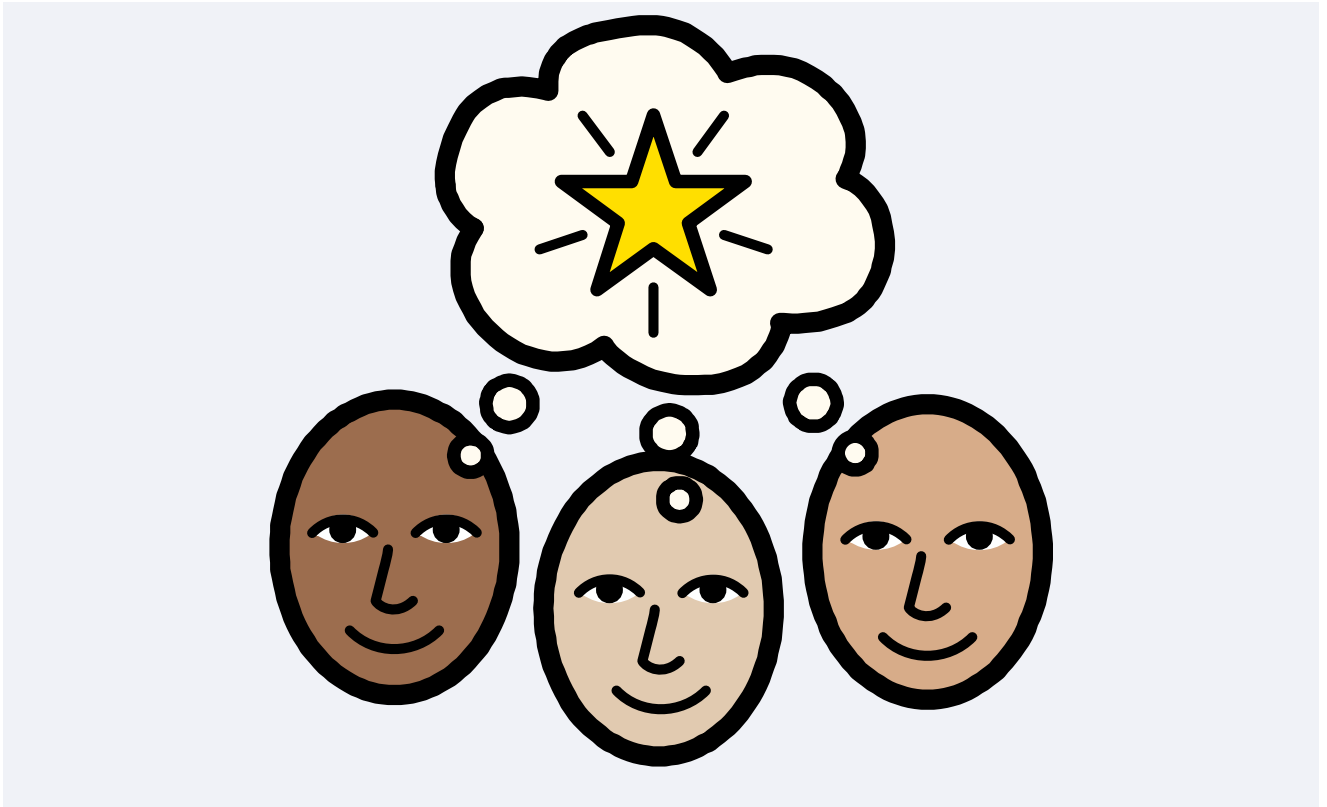


Ella experienced discrimination throughout her career.

She sang in clubs for white people only.

Ella refused to be a victim of this racism.

She used her talent to challenge discrimination.



Ella became famous for a singing style called scat.

She imitated different instruments with her voice.

Ella's career lasted more than fifty years.

She sold more than 40 million albums.



Ella became famous all over the world.

She starred in many films and television shows.

She became known as 'The First Lady of Song'.

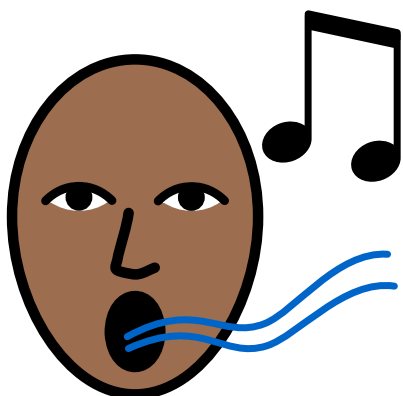
Ella Fitzgerald died aged 79 in 1996.



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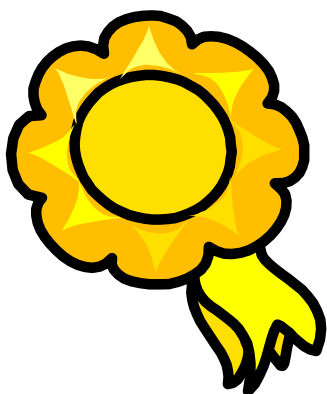
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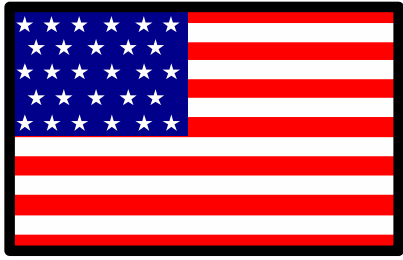
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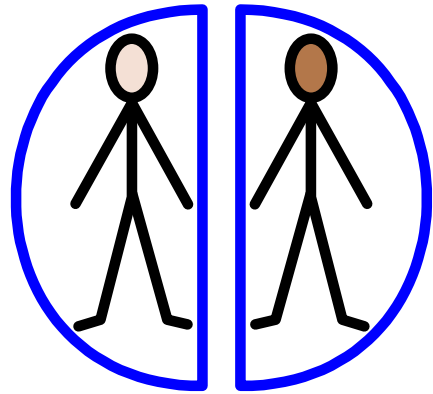
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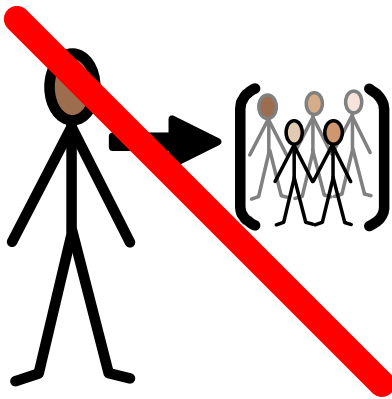
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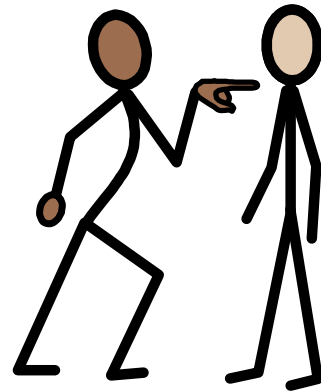
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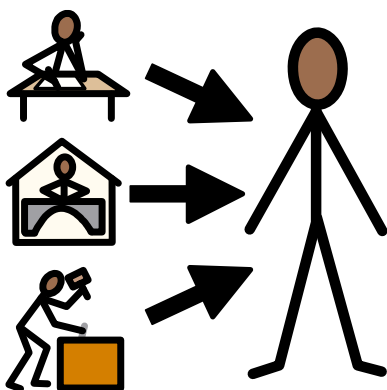
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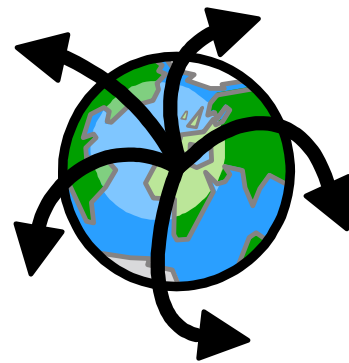
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