



# Learie Constantine

Symbol Book

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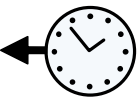



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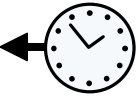



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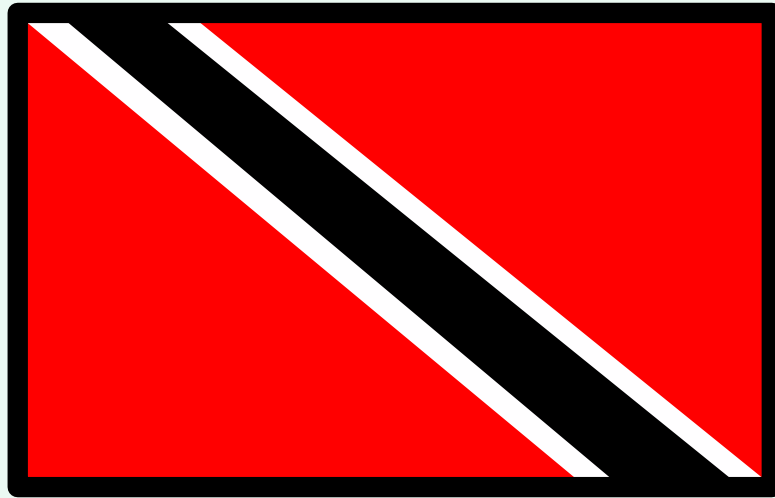



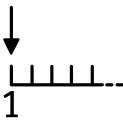





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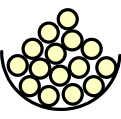
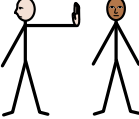
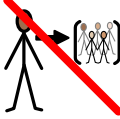


 His  father  was the  grandson  of  slaves.

 His  mother  was the  daughter  of  slaves.

 Learie  enjoyed  playing cricket  growing up.












 Learie first worked as a clerk for a law firm.







 There was much racial discrimination at the time.

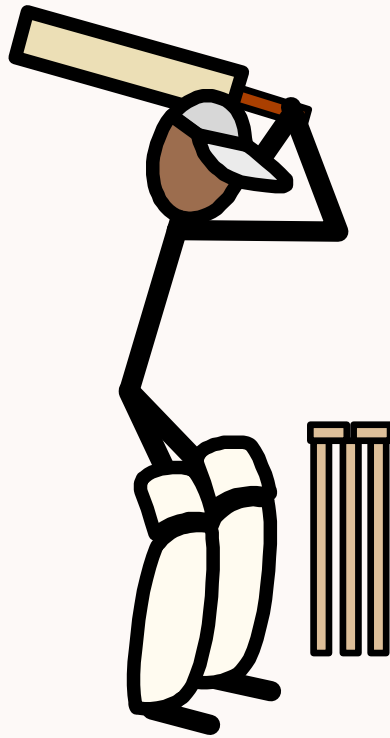





 Very few black people could become solicitors.

1921
 



 In 1921 Learie was selected to play for Trinidad.



Learie

was



picked

for the



West Indies



cricket



team.



He

came to England



with



them

in

1923

1923.



Learie

was a

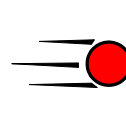


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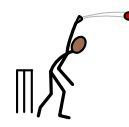


batsman

and a



fast



bowler.



He

was a



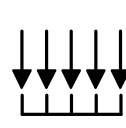
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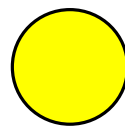
fielder

+

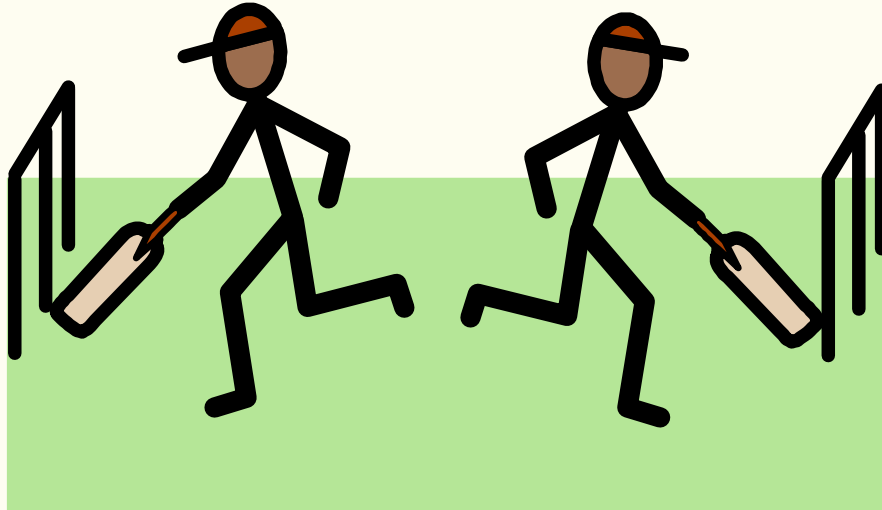
and



all-round



player.



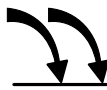
Learie



toured



England



again

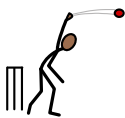
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1928

1928.



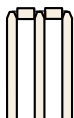
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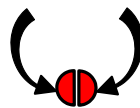
took

100

100



wickets



and made

1000

1000



runs.



He



was offered

a



job

in



English



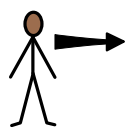
professional



cricket.



Learie



joined



Nelson

in the



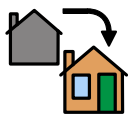
Lancashire



League.



Learie



moved

to



Lancashire

with his

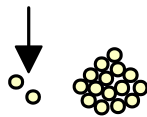


family.



Black people

were



rare

in the



area

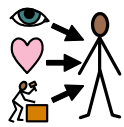
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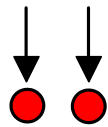
time.



Learie



experienced



both



curiosity

and



hostility.



He



earned

the



respect

of the



local



people.



During

the



war



Learie



worked

for the



government.



He



looked after

the



welfare

of



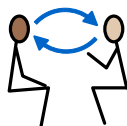
Caribbean



workers.



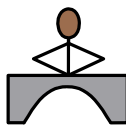
Learie



negotiated



with



employers

and



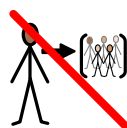
trade unions.



He

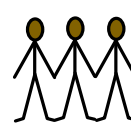


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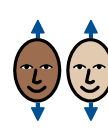


discrimination

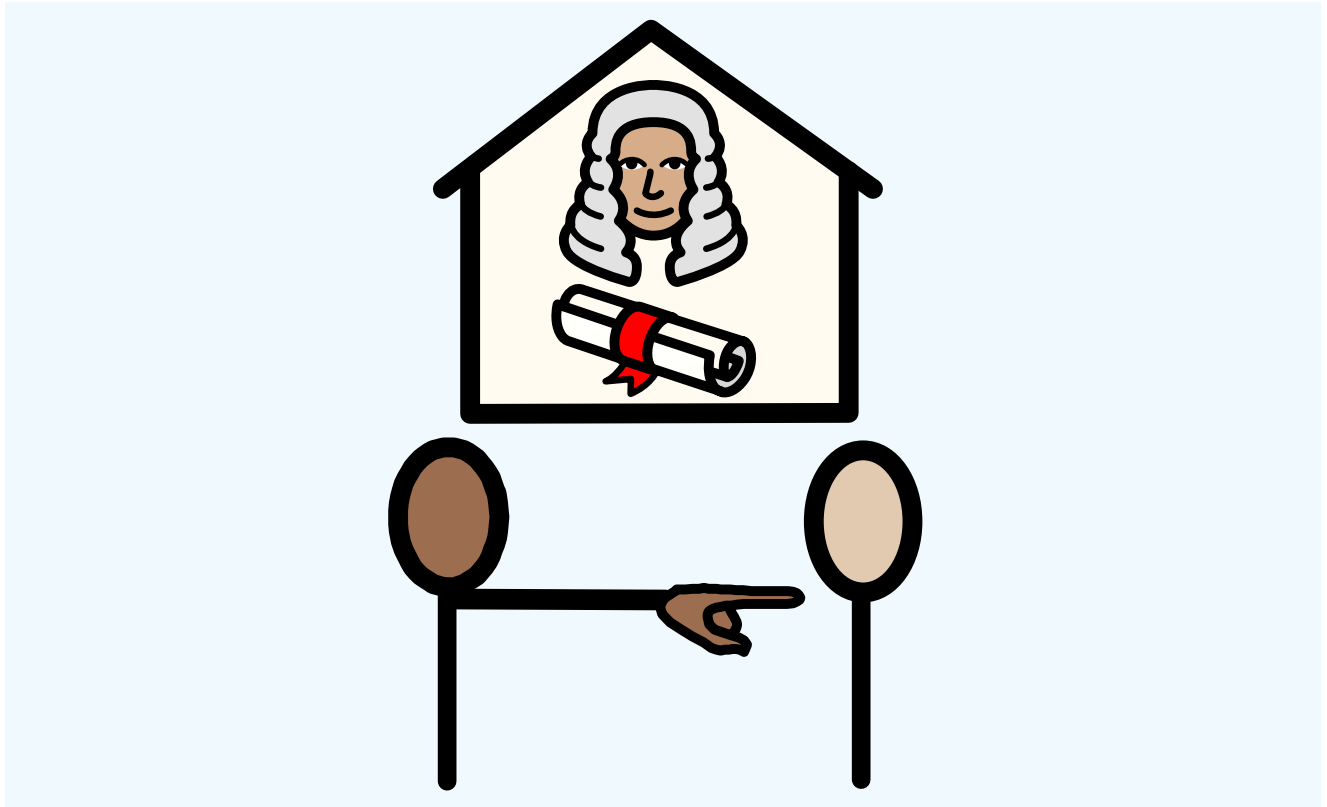
to get



black people



accepted.

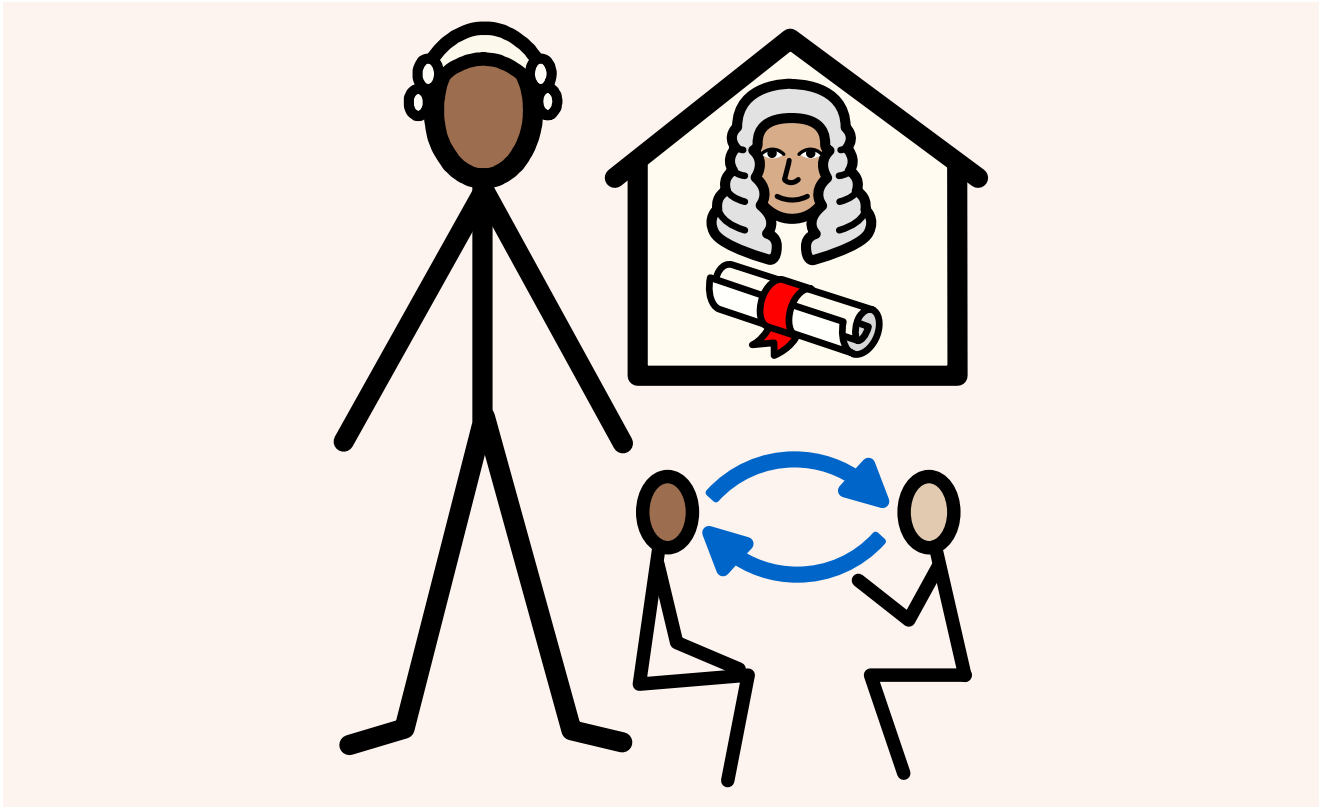






In 1943 Learie booked rooms at a London hotel.

The hotel refused him rooms because of his race.






Learie sued the hotel and won.






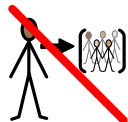
He was supported by the public and the government.

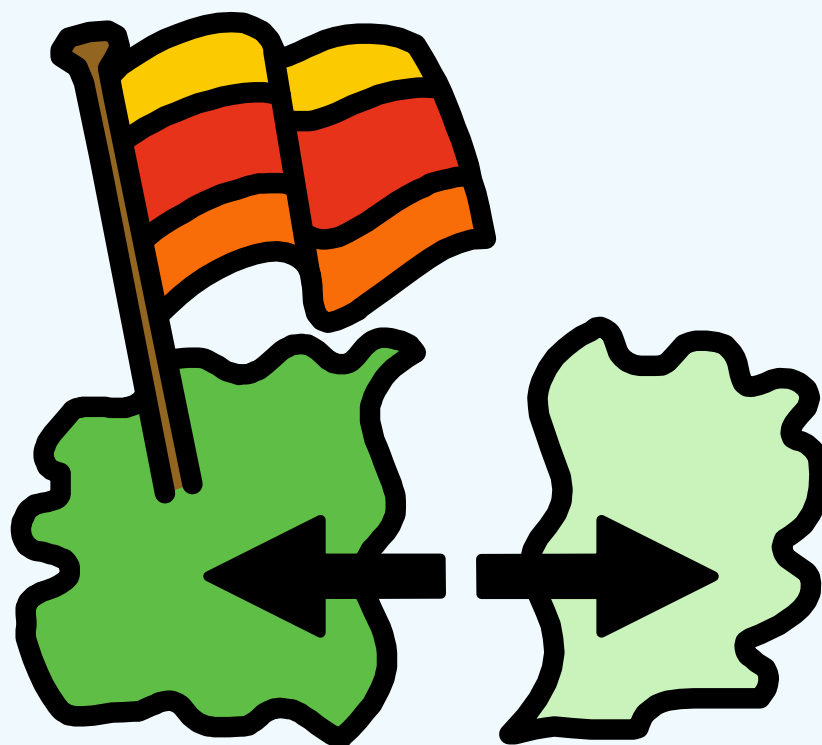




 and
 
 =
 
 a barrister.

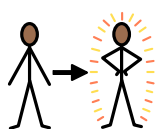
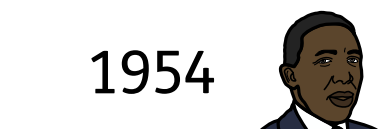

 became
 
 a respected
 
 sports
 
 commentator.


 wrote
 
 several
 
 books
 
 about
 
 cricket.

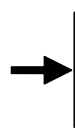
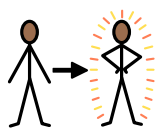
In
 
 "Colour
 
 Bar"
 
 he
 
 wrote
 
 about
 
 discrimination.



1954  
In 1954 Learie returned home to Trinidad.

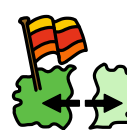


He became a minister in the Trinidad government.



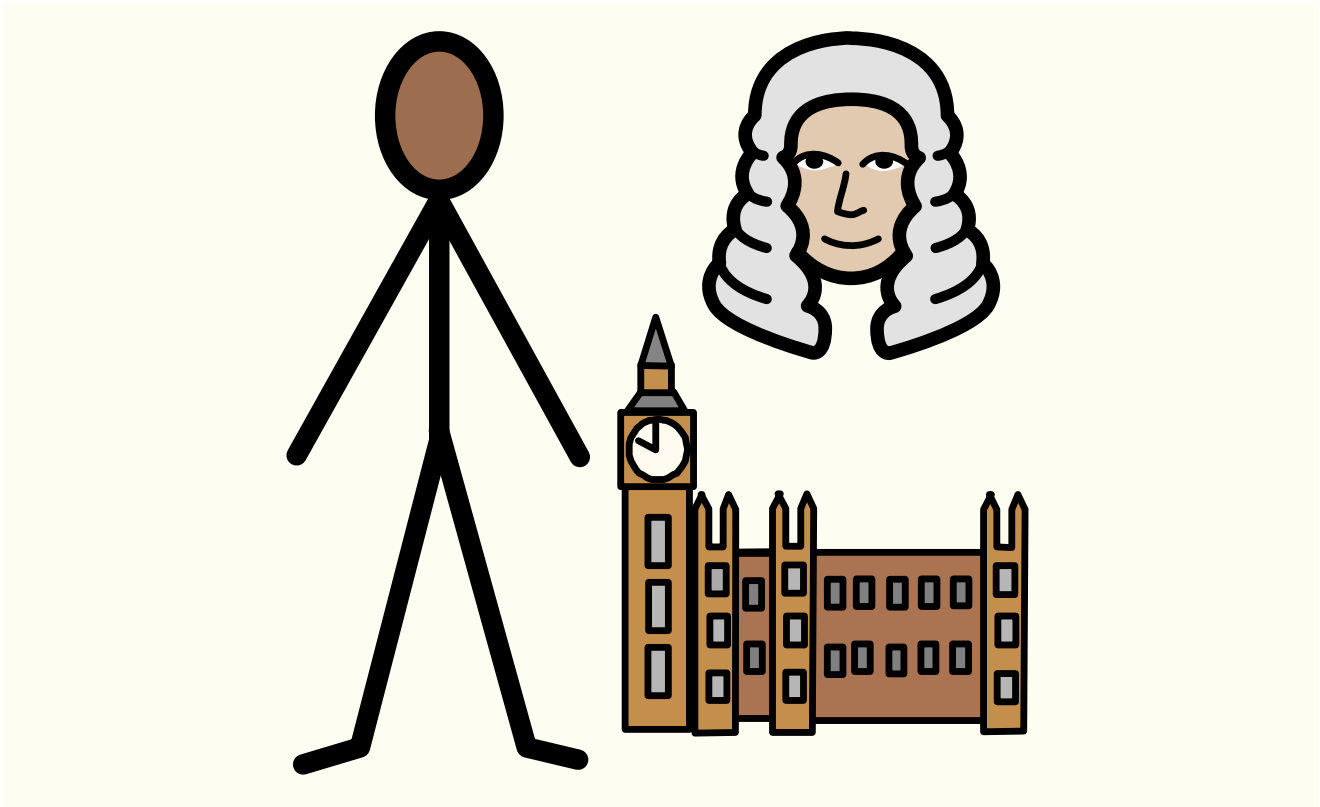
1961


He became High Commissioner to London in 1961.






1962


He helped secure Trinidad's independence in 1962.

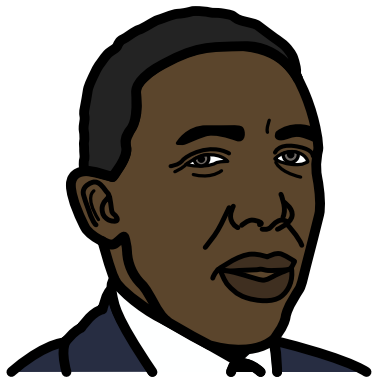



 In 1969 Learie was made a life peer in the Lords.


 He was the first black person in the House of Lords.



 Sir Learie Constantine died in London in 1971.

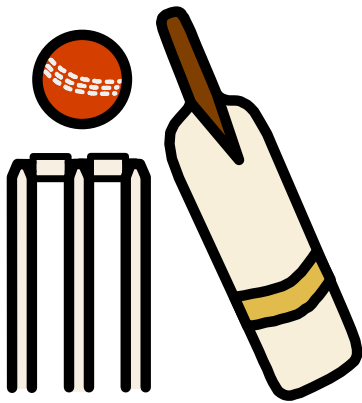

 He was given a state funeral in Trinidad.



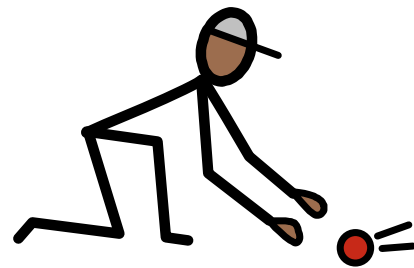
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Constantine



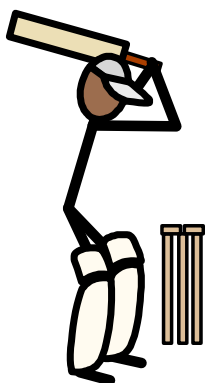
Trinidad



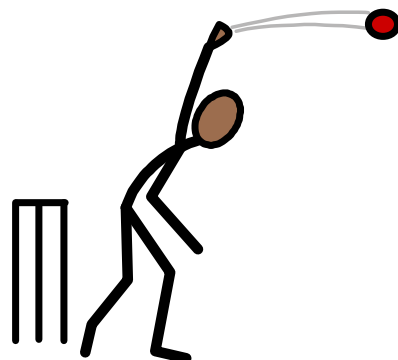
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fielder



batsman



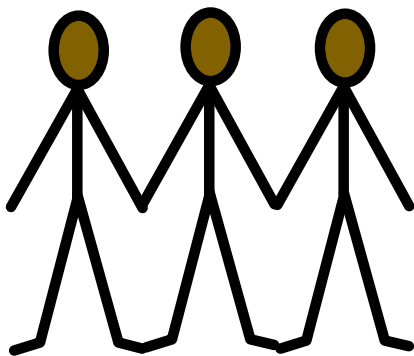
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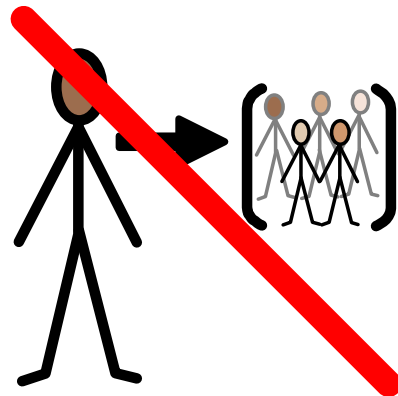
West Indies



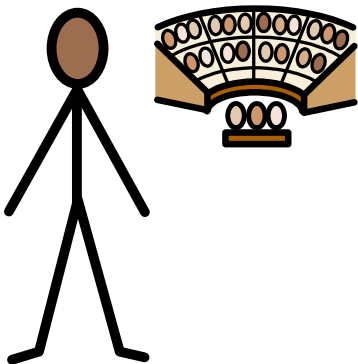
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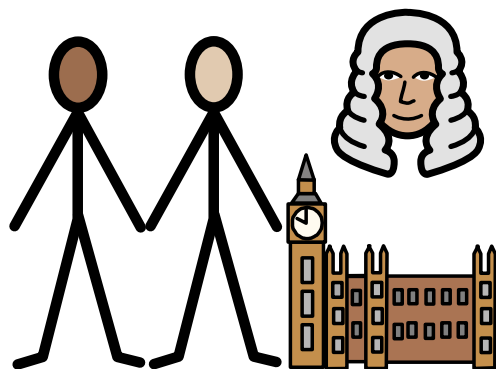
black people



discrimination



High  
Commissioner



House of Lords