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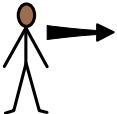
Olive Morris   was   born   in   Jamaica   in   1952.

Her   parents   moved   to   England   when   she was a   baby.

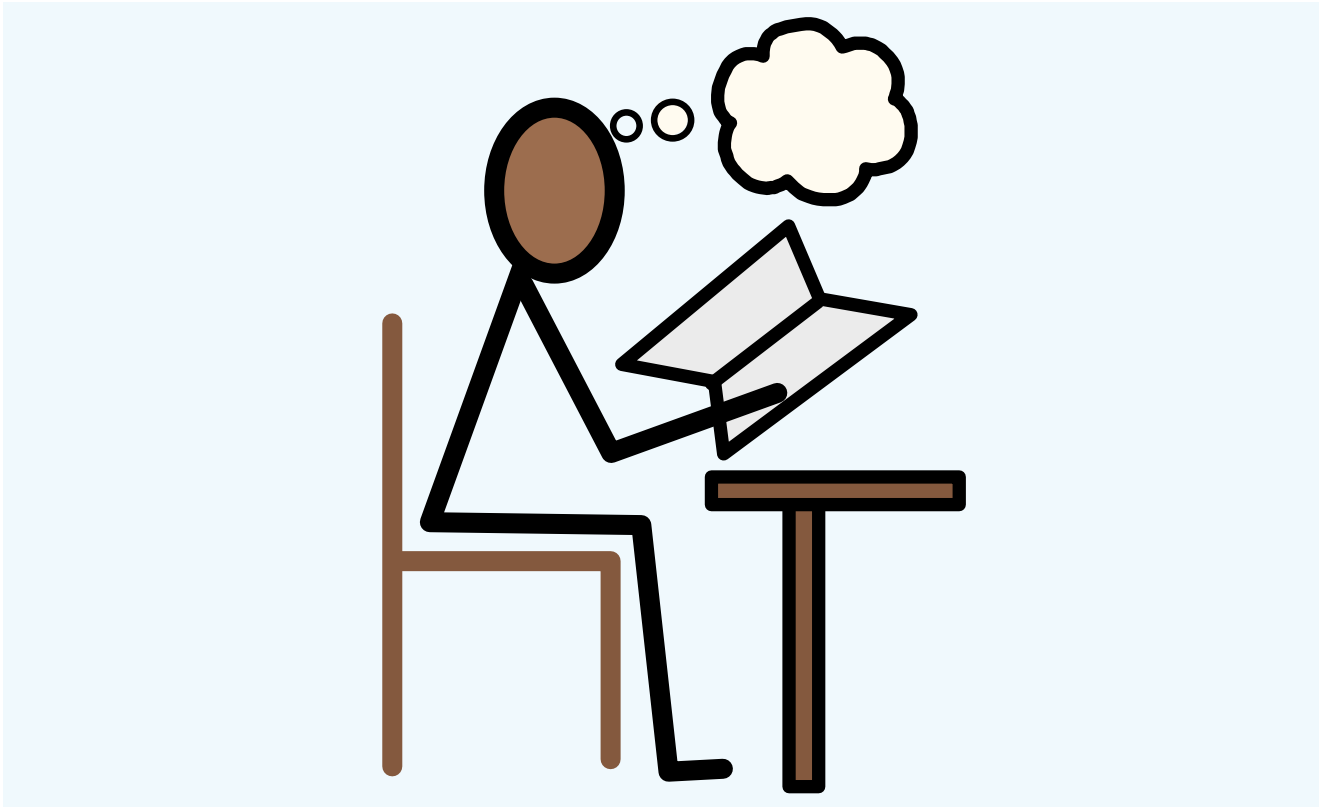Olive   and her   siblings   lived   with   their   grandmother.

Olive   joined   her   parents   in   England   aged   9.

Olive   went to   several   secondary schools.

She   left school   aged   16   with   no   qualifications.
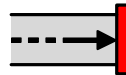
Olive   later   returned   to   finish   her   education.
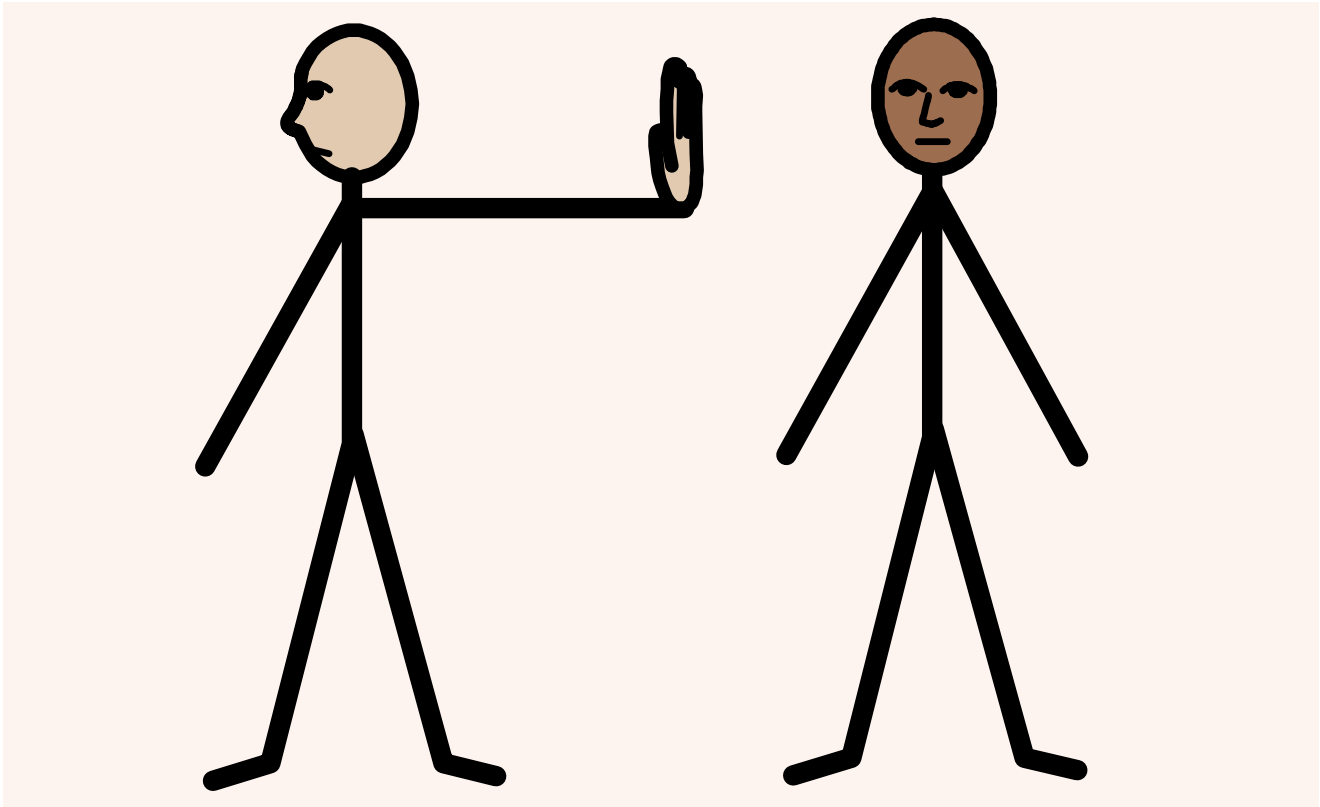
She   studied   at the   London College of Printing.

As a teenager Olive experienced racism.

She intervened in the arrest of a Nigerian diplomat.

The police arrested Olive ++ as well.
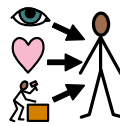
She was threatened and abused by the police.
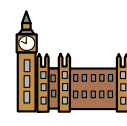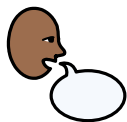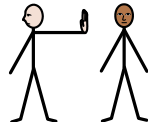
Olive later used her experience with London police.
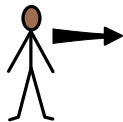
She exposed racism, sexism and police brutality.
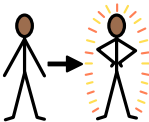
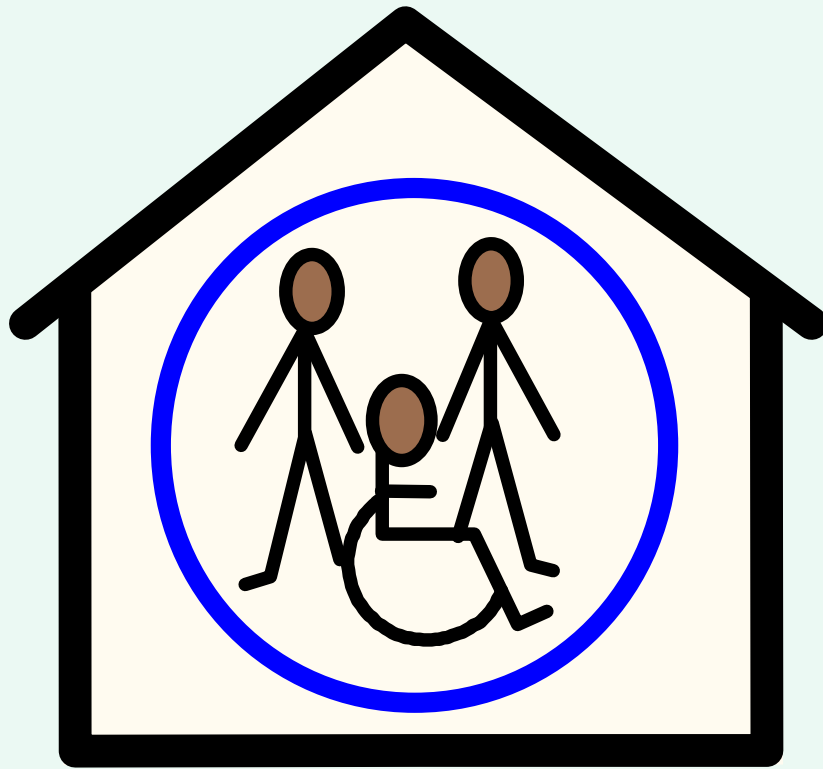Olive joined the British Black Panther movement.
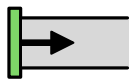
She became an activist in Brixton.

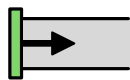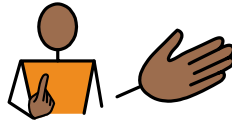Olive helped found the Brixton Black Women's Group.
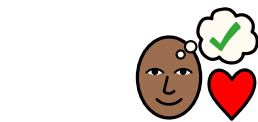
She wanted to set up self-help community centres.

She helped set up a Black Community Bookshop.

Olive was interested in art, culture and politics.
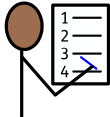
In 1975 Olive enrolled at Manchester University.

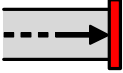She campaigned with overseas students.

Olive visited China in 1977.

She finished her degree and moved back to Brixton.
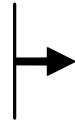
Olive supported the Black Women's Movement.

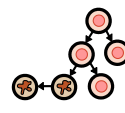She supported women from Africa and Asia.
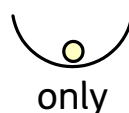
Olive very sadly became ill with cancer.

She died in 1979 aged only 27.

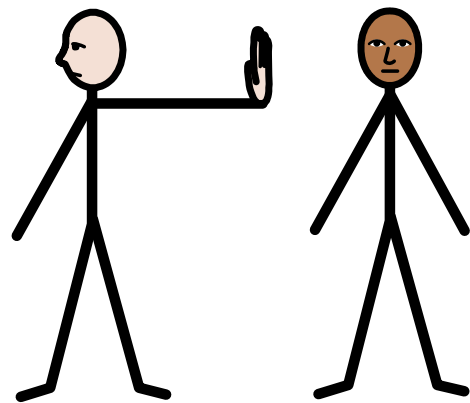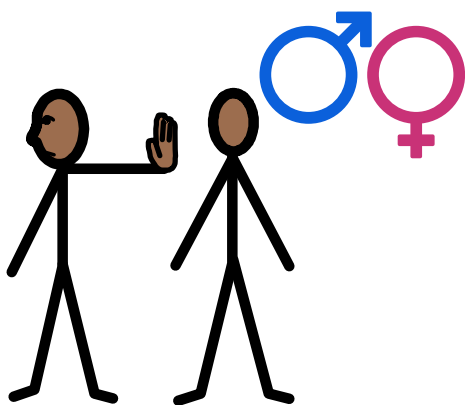| Olive Morris	Jamaica
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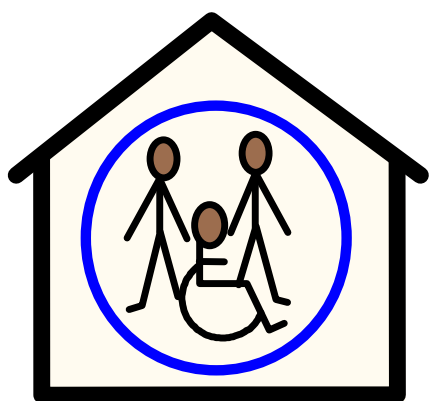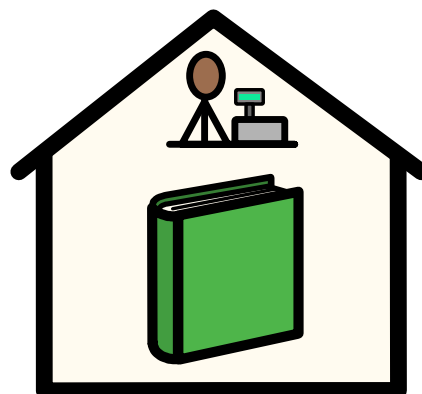
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