

# Paul Stephenson

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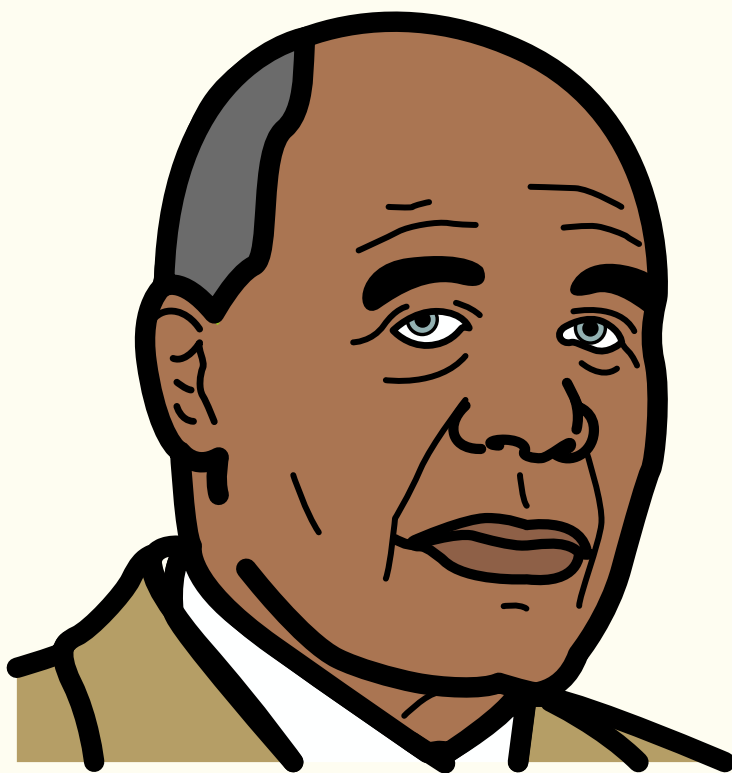
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

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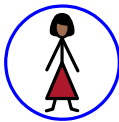
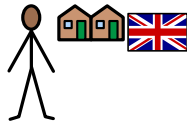
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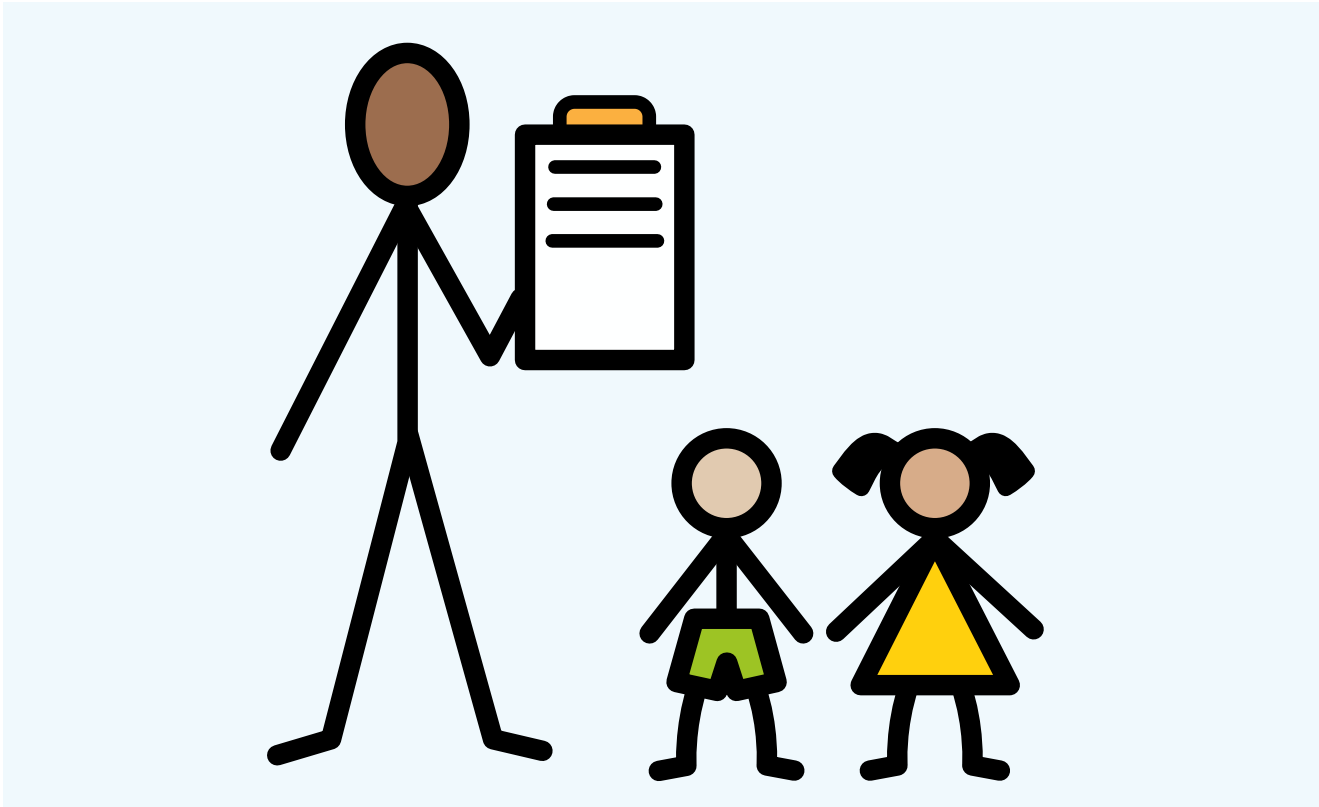


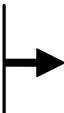




 was  born  in  in 1937.

His  father was  African and his  mother was  British.


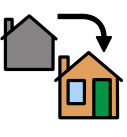

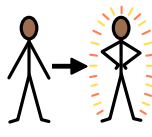

 During  World War 2  Paul was an  evacuee.


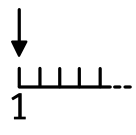
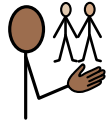

At  school  Paul was the  only  black child.

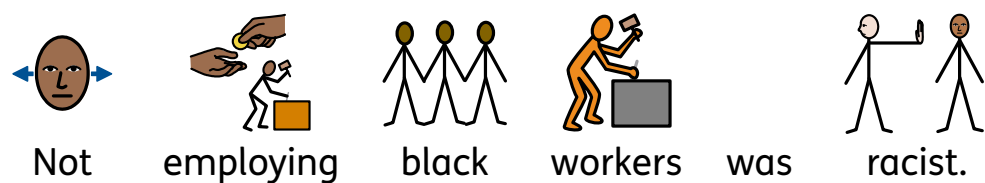
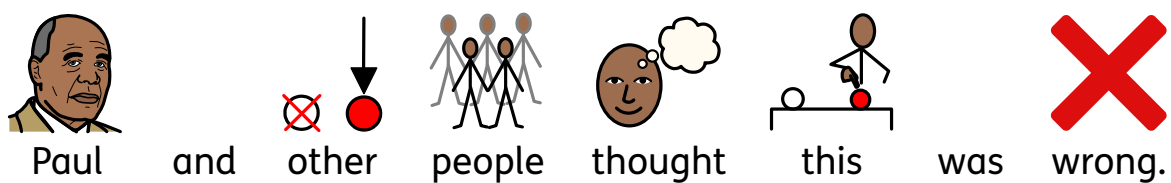
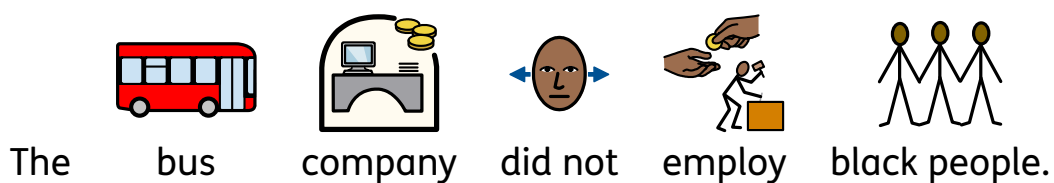
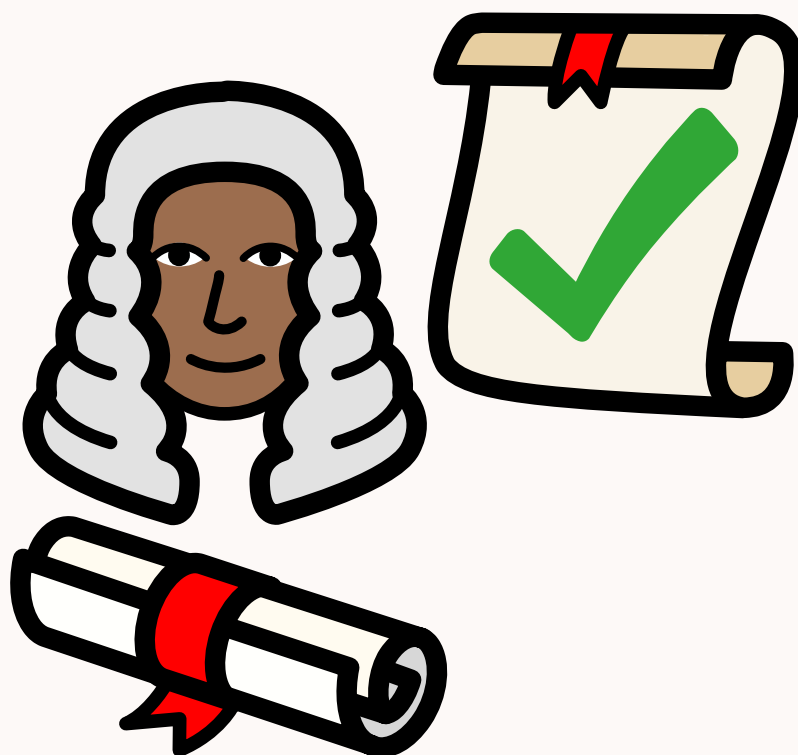



 1953
 
 1960
 
 Paul
 
 served
 in the
 
 RAF.

1962
 
 he
 
 qualified
 as a
 
 social worker.

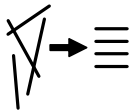

 He
 
 moved
 to
 
 Bristol
 and
 
 became
 a
 
 youth worker.


 Paul
 was the
 
 first
 
 black social worker
 in
 
 Bristol.





Paul



organised a



bus



boycott

in



Bristol

in

1963

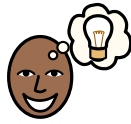
1963.



He



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success

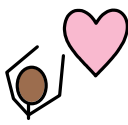
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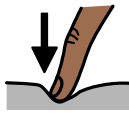
Rosa Parks.



Paul



wanted to



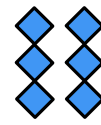
pressure the



bus



company



like



Rosa.



He



succeeded

and the

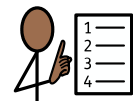


company

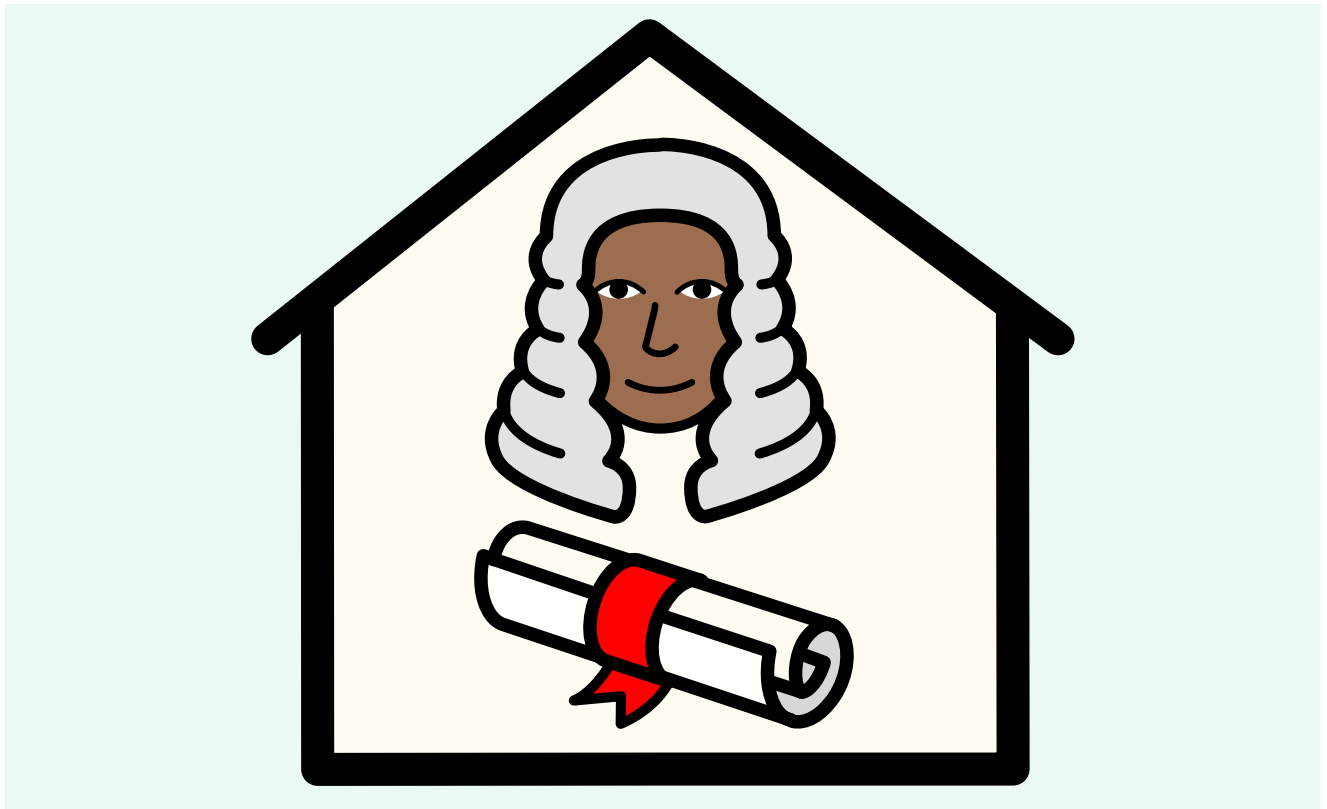


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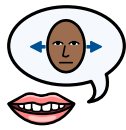
the



rules.



Paul



was refused

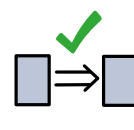


service

in a

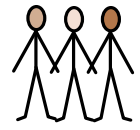


pub



because

of



his race.



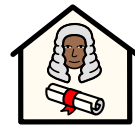
He

was



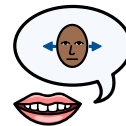
arrested

and



charged

for

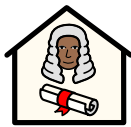


refusing

to



leave.



The

case

was

dismissed,

and the

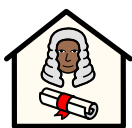


barman

was



sacked.



The

court case

was

reported

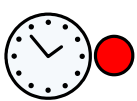
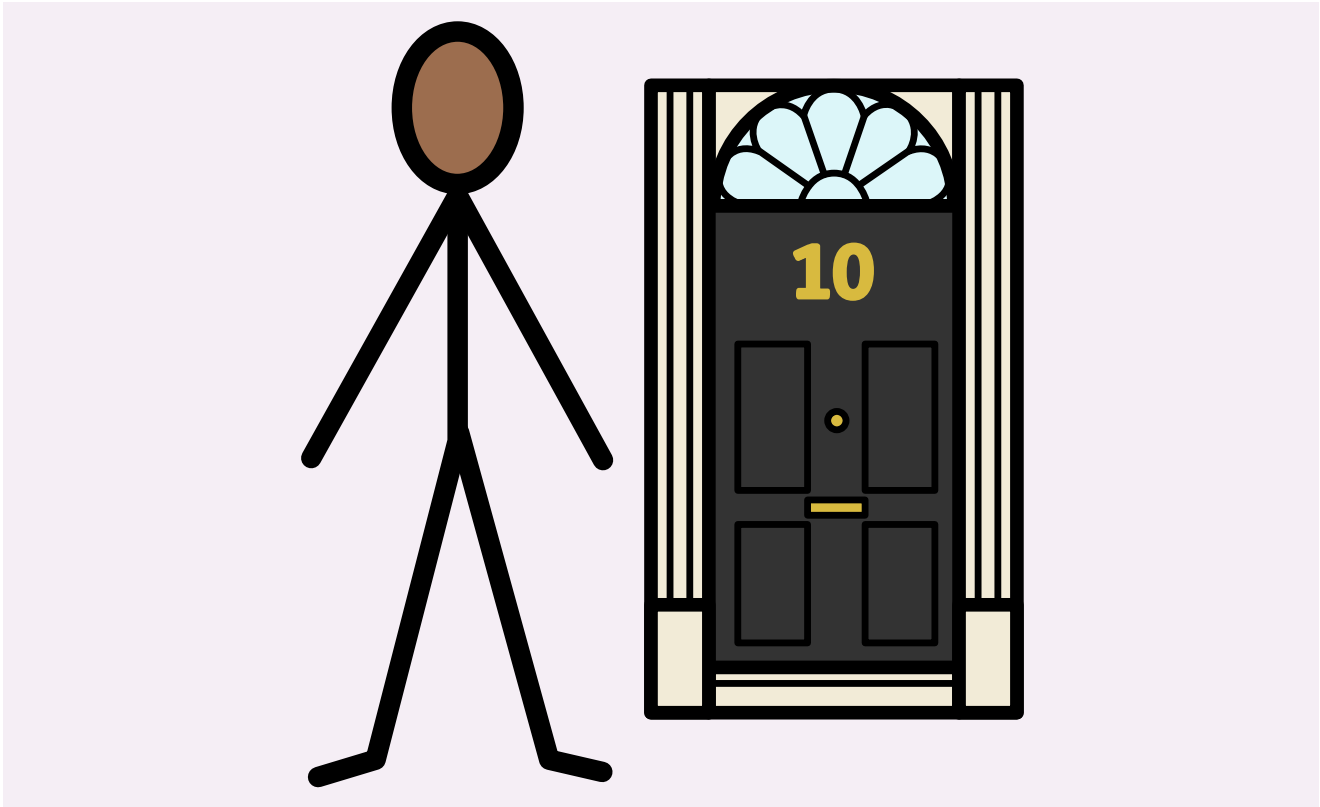
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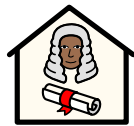
national



news.



After



the

court case

the



Prime Minister



wrote

to



Paul.



The

Prime Minister



promised

to



change

the



law.

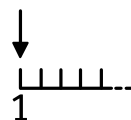
1965



In

1965

Britain's



first



Race Relations



Law

was



passed.



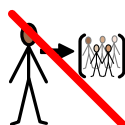
It

became



illegal

to



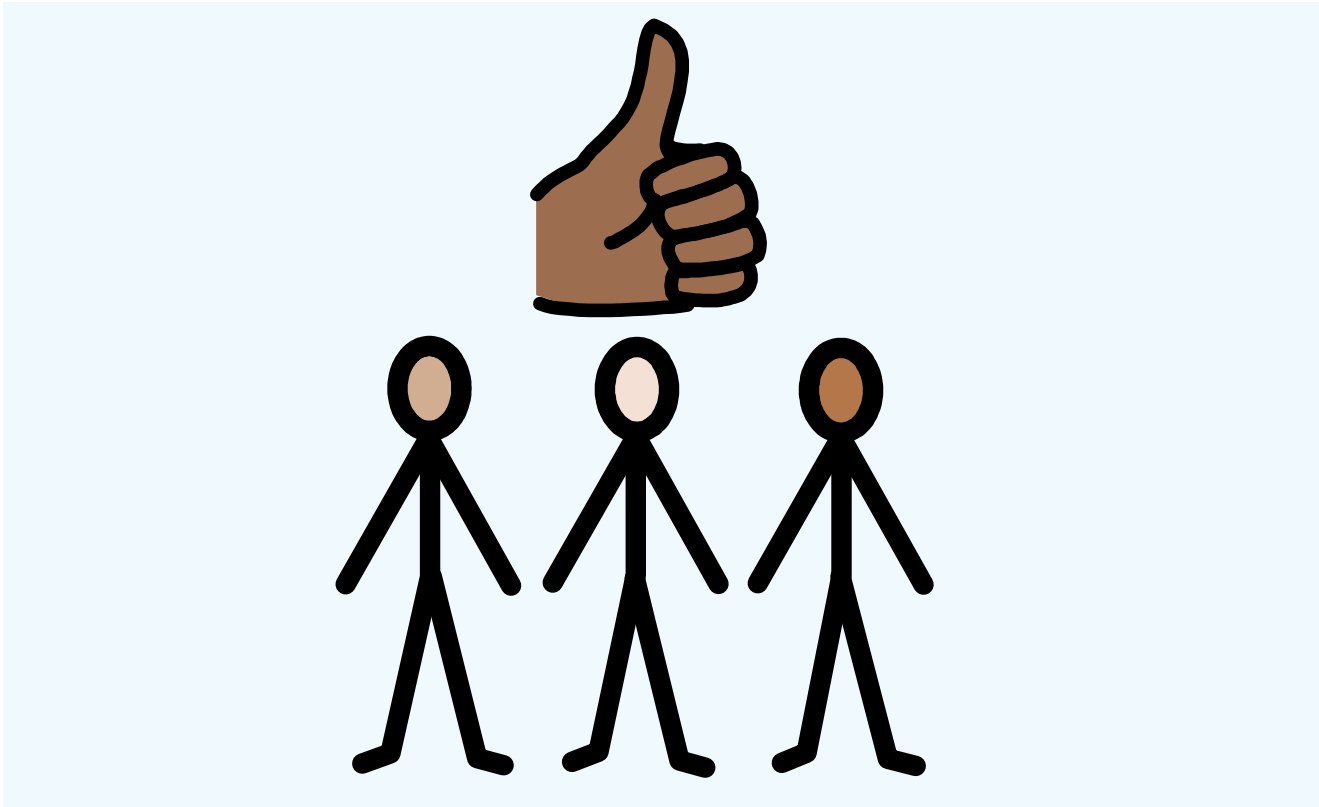
discriminate

in a



public place.





Paul



worked

for the



Commission



for



Racial Equality.



He



worked

with

the



boxer



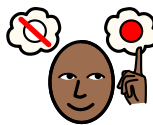
Muhammad Ali.

1975



Paul

was



appointed



to

the



Sports



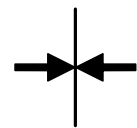
Council.



He



campaigned



against

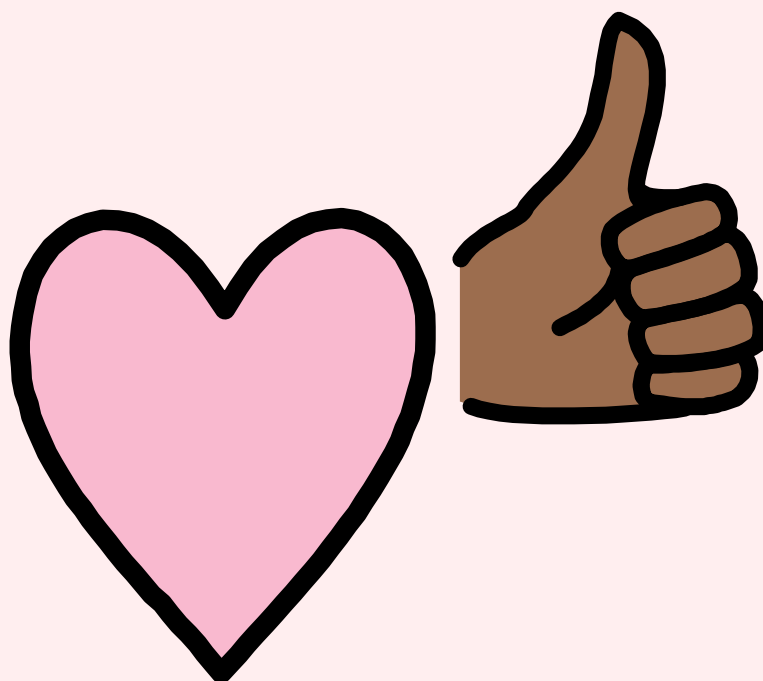


apartheid

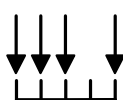
in



South Africa.



Paul has been given many awards for his work.

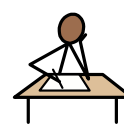


He was given the freedom of the city of Bristol.

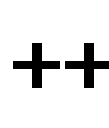
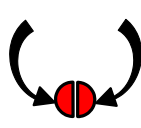


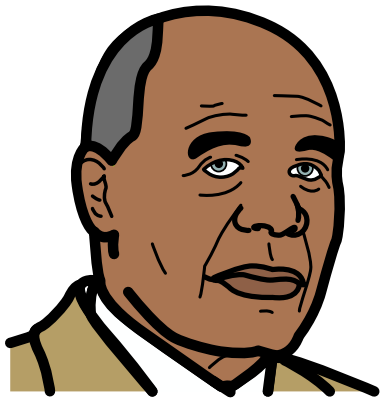
2009

In 2009 he received an OBE for race relations work.

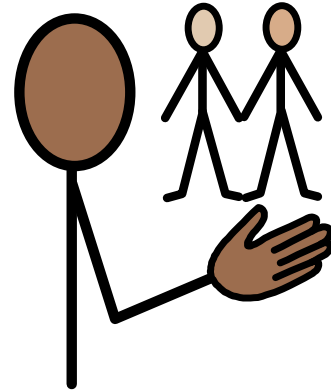


Paul has worked to make Britain more tolerant.

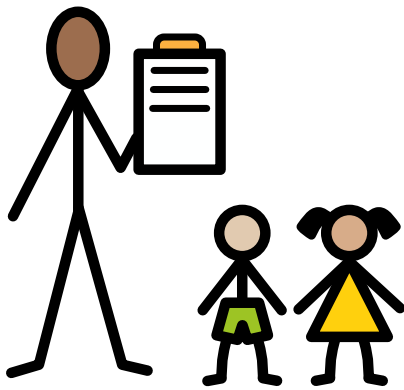




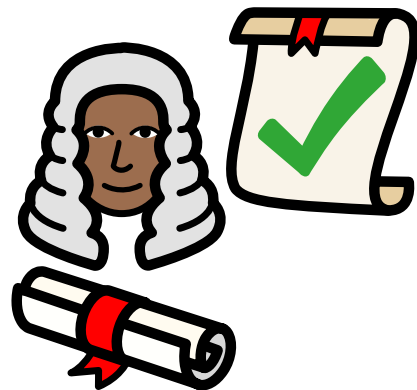
Paul Stephenson



social worker



youth worker



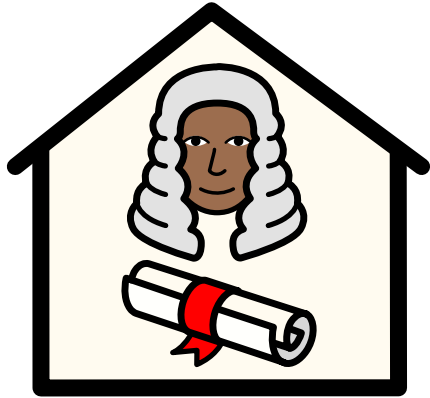
civil rights



activist



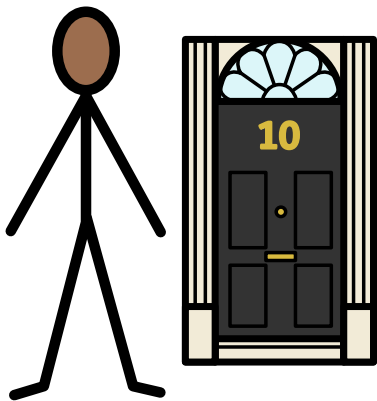
boycott



court case



dismissed



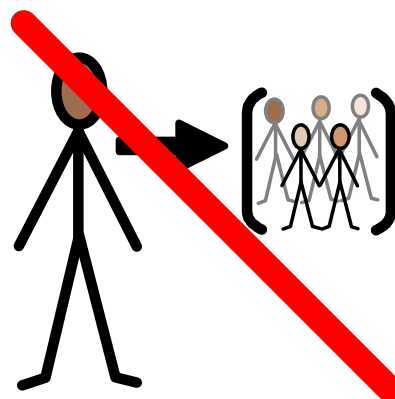
Prime Minister



racial equality



illegal



discriminate