# **Understanding myself**

**Self Awareness.** The first step towards self knowledge is self awareness. Discovering more about who we are empowers us with the confidence and honesty to live authentically. While building a positive, comfortable environment develops the culture of trust that supports our self exploration.

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#### Who am I?

#### **Purpose**

Explore the many factors that shape who we are as individuals. Share these with peers to deepen relationships and develop class community.

#### Can symbols define us?

#### **Purpose**

Use symbols to represent different aspects of our identity—those aspects that define us and those we share. Reflect on whether using symbols may influence how we see ourselves.

## Is my self knowledge shared?

#### **Purpose**

Practise using feedback to develop an awareness of how important communication is in building a safe environment for sharing perspectives and 'seeing' ourselves.

**Lesson Life-Skills** 

Self Awareness

Empathy

Communication

Perspectivetaking



## **Lesson Plan:** Is my self knowledge shared?

#### **Lesson support:**

- Click on the lesson plan for a detailed guide to each activity.
- There are supporting notes beneath each slide
- Note: Most CfL activities work best when the teacher does them with the students.

#### **Equipment needed:**

Pencil, paper, computer, projector (optional adjectives lists printed out)



#### Lesson Guide - Is my self knowledge shared?

Purpose: Practise using feedback to develop an awareness of how important communication is in building a safe environment for sharing perspectives and 'seeing' ourselves.

Equipment needed: Pen, paper, computer, projector (optional printed blank Johari window and adjectives list)

Lesson timings (40 minutes): The timings are just a guide. The lesson can be delivered as a whole, in sections, or if there is a rich discussion in one section, take the time and allow that to develop.

Pre-Work:									
Teachers									
Students									
Lesson structure	Lesson Content	Resources / Comments							
Class Environment	Share the 5C's of the CfL classroom to create a	5C Slide							
Remind learners how a	respectful, safe atmosphere and to build trust with each	Notes to support							
classroom that explores	other.	teachers to expand on							
CfL topics needs to look,		each point are in the							
feel and sound.	Together we are growing a creative, critical, caring,	slide notes.							
	collaborative environment where positive, supportive								
	communication is developed through listening, sharing								
	and building on ideas.								
Check-In	Learners complete a 2 minute guided mindful practice	If this is the first time							
Individually (3 mins)		students have done a							
	The video can be played from present mode.	class meditation, let							
		them know that it is ok							
		to lose concentration,							
		smile, and find it a bit							
		uncomfortable.							



## Lesson Video Guide: Is my self knowledge shared?

### **Lesson support**

Click on the video for a short introduction on how to approach this lesson.





## The Curriculum for Life Classroom

The 5 C's











**Collaborative** 

**Creative** 

**Caring** 

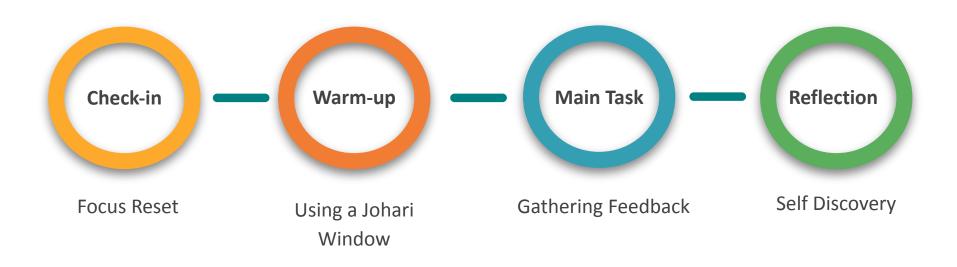
**Critical** 

**Communication** 



## **Lesson guide: Is my self knowledge shared?**

Practise using feedback to develop an awareness of how important communication is in building a safe environment for sharing perspectives and 'seeing' ourselves.



### Benefits of mindful practice:

- By paying attention to our breath, we can relax our mind.
- Quietening our mind helps us develop self-compassion and acceptance.
- Providing space to consider how we are feeling, helps us recognise we are not our thoughts.





### **Warm-up: Getting Comfortable with Feedback?**

#### Discuss:

- Why do we receive feedback?
- Why is feedback important?

Play the video, compare the reasons for feedback in the video with the reasons you decided in your pairs. Use the scale to assess:

- How comfortable are you at giving your peers feedback?
- How comfortable are you at receiving feedback from your peers?







You know it and I know it.

#### **Blind Self**

You know it but I don't know it.

#### **Hidden Self**

I know it but you don't know it.

#### **Unknown Self**

Neither of us know it (yet).

#### **Open Self**

I love teaching

#### **Blind Self**

You love coming to this class.

#### **Hidden Self**

I love teaching you

#### **Unknown Self**

Teacher models how each Johari quadrant can be used





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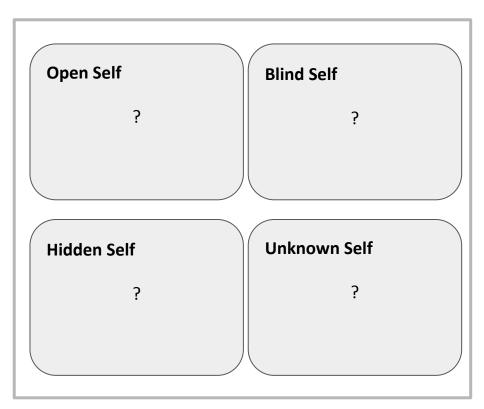
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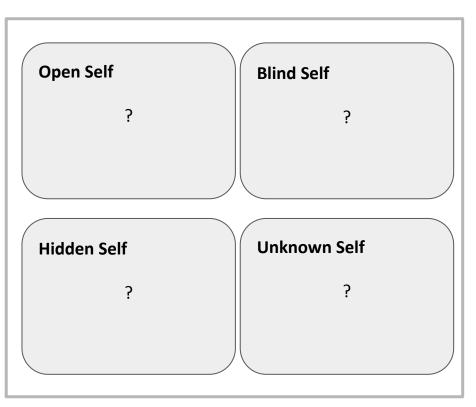
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Ask learners to help you (the teacher) create your Johari window

## Main Task: Students' Johari Window





Your turn: Take it in turns to ask each other the quadrant questions.

Write down/Circle
8 adjectives that best
describes you.

Able	Accepting	Adaptable	Bold	Brave	Calm	Caring
Cheerful	Clever	Complex	Confident	Dependable	Dignified	Energetic
Extroverted	Friendly	Giving	Нарру	Helpful	Idealistic	Independent
Ingenious	Intelligent	Introverted	Kind	Knowledgeable	Logical	Loving
Mature	Modest	Nervous	Observant	Organized	Patient	Powerful
Proud	Quiet	Reflective	Relaxed	Religious	Responsive	Searching
Self-assertive	Self-conscious	Sensible	Sentimental	Shy	Silly	Smart
Spontaneous	Sympathetic	Tense	Trustworthy	Warm	Wise	Witty

**Adjectives List** 

## Main Task: Peer Selection

Repeat the task but this time complete it for your partner:

Select 8 adjectives that best describe your partner.

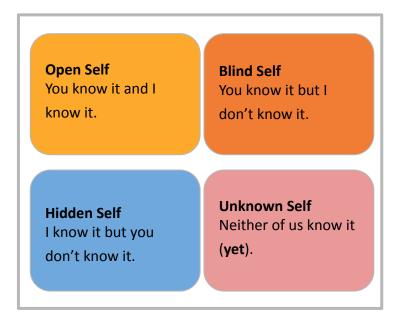
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## Reflections: How communication builds trust

#### Next:

- Circle the words you both selected.
  - Which quadrant would you put these shared adjectives in?
- Circle the words that only you selected for yourself.
  - which quadrant would you put these self-selected adjectives in?
- Circle the words that only the other person selected.
  - Which quadrant would you put these peer-selected adjectives in?



## Reflections: How communication builds trust

#### Discuss:

- How can you make the open self quadrant larger?
- Why would you want to make this open quadrant larger?
- How does communication and sharing help build trust and deepen our relationships?

### **Open Self Blind Self** You know it and I know You know it but I don't it. know it. **Unknown Self Hidden Self** Neither of us know it I know it but you don't (yet). know it.

## **Check-out: What next?**

- How can you use what you have learned in the future?
- Example: In the week ahead, identify how often you share information about yourself to increase your open quadrant.

We learnt about ourselves and others Do it Kolb's What What Reflected on what adjectives **Experiential** happened? **Learning Cycle** describe us and others Why did it happen?

> Explored how we could increase the 'open self' window

# How was this lesson produced?

This lesson was co-created with youth, educators and topic experts from around the world.

#### Together, we:

- Discussed what, why and how we'd like to learn
- Curated resources
- Created experiential learning activities
- Weaved in evidence-informed approaches
- Built-in opportunities for reflection and contextualisation









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