

What have we learned?

It's not worth trying to match appearance ideals.

Media images are often manipulated.

Avoid comparing, value what makes you unique instead.



What are we learning today?

- Introducing body talk
- Exploring examples of body talk
- Problems with body talk
- Avoiding body talk



What are our workshop ground rules?

- Respect diversity
- Ask questions
- Keep it confidential
- Please contribute

How do we talk about appearance?



What is body talk?

Body talk refers to any conversation or comment that reinforces and keeps appearance ideals and pressures going.



How do we use body talk?



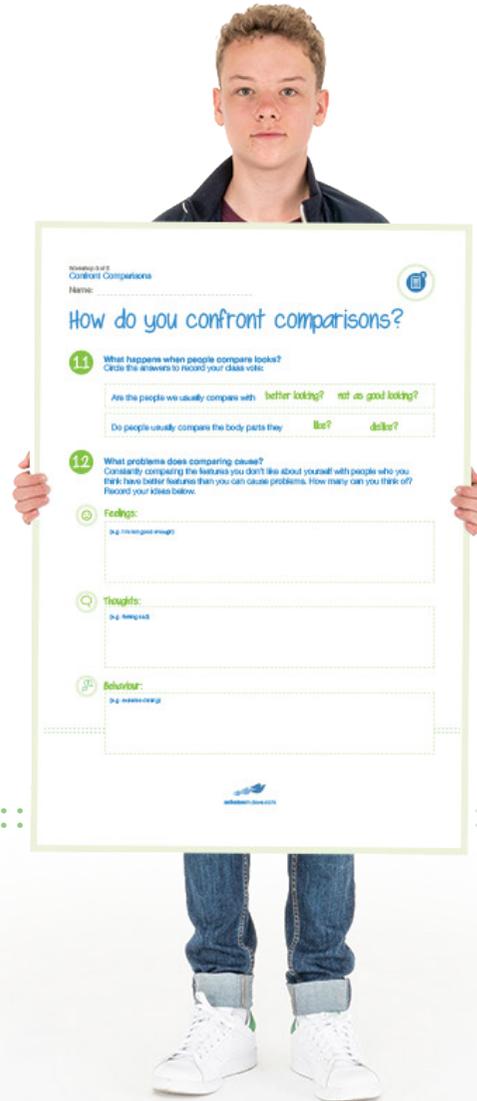
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Worksheet
Confront Comparisons

Name: _____

How do you confront comparisons?

1.1 What happens when people compare looks?
Circle the answers to record your class vote:

Are the people we usually compare with **better looking?** **not as good looking?**

Do people usually compare the body parts they **like?** **dislike?**

1.2 What problems does comparing cause?
Constantly comparing the features you don't like about yourself with people who you think have better features than you can cause problems. How many can you think of? Record your ideas below.

Feelings:
e.g. **irritated enough**

Thoughts:
e.g. **being sad**

Behaviour:
e.g. **avoiding**

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What is the impact of body talk?



How can we challenge body talk?

Worksheet 1
Banish Body Talk

Name: _____

How can we challenge body talk?

Write a script to perform a role play. Label yourselves Person A and Person B. Read the situations below and practice changing the conversation away from self-criticism.

Person A	Person B
Plucks the hair in front of Person B.	Teases Person A, changing the conversation away from appearance.

- 1 You're making to school and meet up with friends.**
Person A: "Love your hair, looks really great!"
Person B replies: ...
- 2 Your friend posts an old photo of you of her.**
Person A: "Wow, you look ridiculous!"
Person B replies: ...
- 3 You're with friends and see someone in the street!**
Person A: "Look at those eyebrows!"
Person B replies: ...
- 4 Your friend posts on social media.**
Person A: "Looks like you're trying to lose!"
Person B replies: ...
- 5 Your friend shares the selfies from a celeb's social profile.**
Person A: "You'll look so much better!"
Person B replies: ...
- 6 You're getting changed for an event.**
Person A: "Make you ready to go up!"
Person B replies: ...

Feeling stuck?
You could change the conversation by the Person B taking control, appreciating, complimenting...
"She's who's appearing in a movie or energy drinks...
Let's talk about...
You could also try changing roles, creating and a different situation."

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What have we learned today?

Body talk is any conversation about appearance.

Body talk can cause problems for our self-esteem.

Avoid body talk and focus on other qualities instead.

How will you be a champion for change?



Congratulations!

You've now completed **Workshop 4** of
Confident Me: School Workshops for Body Confidence.

The next workshop is:
Be the Change.



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Going further



Worksheet 4 of 5
Banish Body Talk
Name: _____

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Body talk: main messages to remember

It is really common to engage in body talk, which can include both positive and negative conversations about appearance.

People use body talk for lots of reasons, but the outcome is almost always unhelpful as body talk can make appearance seem more important or valuable than other things, and this can impact our confidence.

By practising how to redirect conversations away from appearance, we can avoid body talk, build confidence and spend more time discussing what really matters to us.

★ **In what ways could you take action to challenge the use of body talk by yourself and others? Record your ideas below.**

Taking action for yourself

What I did: _____

How I felt: _____

Taking action for others

What I did: _____

How I felt: _____

★ **Things you could do:**

Listen out for when body talk enters your conversations.

Practice challenging body talk or changing the conversation both face-to-face and online. Don't forget this includes when texting, tweeting or commenting on pictures and videos.

Think of ways your friendship group can make a commitment to stop using body talk. You could agree on something to say that shows the conversation needs to be changed, or you could do something symbolic like pretend to add a coin to a 'body talk jar'.

**Celebrate your individuality and the diversity of the people you know.
Aim to be the best you can be – you are one of a kind!**

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