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Communication barriers are things that get in the way of a message being received. They were the main reason why many enslaved people in Texas did not know that they gained freedom in the 1860s. Similarly in the world today, there are numerous communication barriers between races. For instance, several people define "racism" differently. Some people use the term for white-on-black racial bias only. However, others use the term to describe any discrimination directed against people in a particular racial group. This difference creates an underlying conflict that averts the more obvious issue from finding a solution to the racial divide in the world.

Communication barriers between races today also come from individuals speaking different languages. When people speak different languages, they cannot understand each other. Another example of a communication barrier between races is the act of stereotyping. People tend to stereotype certain races and do not realize how wrongful it is. Individuals are unique, and people should never predict a person's behavior based on their nationality. Finally, communication barriers between races occur because it is difficult to communicate efficiently with people one can not relate to since they have different lifestyles and customs. As people of different races find it hard to communicate with each other, it could lead to deceptive visualization of others.

To overcome these communication barriers, people should have a discussion to speak up and support their definition of the term, "racism.". The purpose of the discussion is to bring out the lack of equivalence between two biases. Additionally, to overcome language barriers, people could avoid slang, and speak slowly when speaking with someone of a different race. Furthermore, to help fix language barriers, visuals and body language can be implemented. Moreover, people can overcome these barriers by trying to understand that other's lives differ

from theirs. They should also try to understand the other person's struggles. Instead of treating those of other races as outsiders, open up to them and view everyone equally despite their race.

In our community, young people can take several steps to bridge any communication divides. For example, they can help people who do not speak English learn how to speak it or serve as translators for them. Additionally, young people in our towns can raise awareness of communication barriers. Many people do not even know what communication barriers are and how they can become such a huge issue. Furthermore, young individuals could learn how to relate to others of different races to overcome cultural barriers. This could lead to ensuring that the future generations of our community do not have misleading interpretations of other races. This will prevent any racism from being implanted into the minds of young people. As young people are the future face of the world, it is vital to make sure that they do not make the same mistakes as the generations before them. Ultimately, it is crucial to defeat communication barriers to create an unprejudiced and secure environment for posterity to grow up in.