

## Definition of Dialogue

Dialogue is:

- ▶ listening carefully to each other
- ▶ attempting to understand each other's point of view
- ▶ responding politely
- ▶ attempting to come to a common agreement.

Finally, if a common agreement cannot be reached, the dialogue should end with: 'Let's agree to disagree.'

## Islamic Guidance

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ  
بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ

*'Say, O People of the Book! Come now to a word agreed upon between us and you...'*  
(Alee Imran 3:64)

وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ  
فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ

*'And do not insult those who worship other than God, because they will insult God in a hostile way without knowledge...'* (Surat al-An`am 6:108)

*'God will not be kind to him who is not kind to people.'* (Bukhari)

*'Your soul is always attracted to impoliteness, and you are supposed to be polite. One's self naturally opposes you, but you must try to prevent it from doing evil deeds. If you let yourself go, you will be a partner in the corruption that follows. If you aid yourself in following selfish desires, you are a partner in spiritually killing your own soul.'* (Mishkat al-Anwar)

*'All creation is God's family and the best in God's sight is the one who benefits his family.'* (Muslim)

## Feedback

Lesson Title: Guidelines for Engaging in Dialogue

Name: .....

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Today I have learnt about:

As a result of this lesson I have learnt that a good Muslim should:

I am going to follow up this topic in my home/school/community by:

### Follow-up Worksheet

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Task:

Think of a time when you were talking with your friends or family when you listened politely and attentively.

Now think of a time when everybody was arguing with each other and not listening.

Which of these two occasions do you think was the best? Give three reasons why.

Write your answer here.