

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Thinking & Evaluating Information  
**Lesson 5: Bias Awareness (Grs 4-5)**

We all have biases.

Below are some situations that could create bias.

Look at each one. Ask how your bias could affect how you **react to** new information

| Situation                                                                                              | How Bias Could Affect A Person<br>Underline any responses that shows bias                                                                                                                       |
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| A favourite basketball player is called for a foul during a game                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A person thinks the call is unfair</li> <li>• A person accepts the referee's decision</li> <li>• A person leaves it to the coach to respond</li> </ul> |
| <p>Describe how you might react in this situation.</p><br><br><p>Does this reaction show any bias?</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| The food on the menu at a restaurant is unfamiliar                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A person asks the server for help to decide</li> <li>• A person doesn't order anything to eat</li> </ul>                                               |
| <p>Describe how you might react in this situation.</p><br><br><p>Does this reaction show any bias?</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Being aware of our own biases helps us know when they are affecting the way we take in new information.

It can be hard to know when we are being affected by bias and when we are just questioning new information (which is always a good skill!).

What are 2 things you could do when you hear new information to check to see if you should believe it:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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