



## Worksheet 1: Understanding sociological perspectives answers

Explain the difference between the following sociological statements. Which sociological perspective(s) would the statement reflect?

1	<b>Statement 1</b>	<b>Statement 2</b>
	Society is united by value consensus	Society is based on inequalities
	<b>What is the difference between Statement 1 and Statement 2?</b> <i>Statement 1 shows a functionalist view of society. This is a consensus view.</i> <i>Statement 2 is a conflict view of society. This could be a Marxist or a feminist view.</i>	

  

2	<b>Statement 1</b>	<b>Statement 2</b>
	Social institutions regulate human behaviour	Individuals can influence social rules through their interaction
	<b>What is the difference between Statement 1 and Statement 2?</b> <i>Statement 1 reflects a structuralist view of society.</i> <i>Statement 2 reflects a social action view of society.</i>	

  

3	<b>Statement 1</b>	<b>Statement 2</b>
	Inequality in society is due to patriarchy	Inequality in society is due to bourgeois ideology
	<b>What is the difference between Statement 1 and Statement 2?</b> <i>Statement 1 links to a feminist view of society.</i> <i>Statement 2 links to a Marxist view of society. Both views reflect conflicting views of society; the difference is the nature of the conflict.</i>	

  

4	<b>Statement 1</b>	<b>Statement 2</b>
	In modern societies identity is based on obligation and duty	In postmodern society identity is based on individualism
	<b>What is the difference between Statement 1 and Statement 2?</b> <i>These statements show differing views of identity in society. Statement 1 shows how in modern society individuals were bound by obligation.</i> <i>Statement 2 reflects the postmodern view that identity is now much more individualised.</i>	