

## Worksheet 1: Understanding sociological perspectives answers

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Statement 1</b>	<b>Statement 2</b>
	Society is united by value consensus	Society is based on inequalities
<p><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.  Statement 2 is a conflict view of society. This could be a Marxist or a feminist view.</i></p>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Statement 1</b>	<b>Statement 2</b>
	Social institutions regulate human behaviour	Individuals can influence social rules through their interaction
<p><b>What is the difference between Statement 1 and Statement 2?</b>  <i>Statement 1 reflects a structuralist view of society.  Statement 2 reflects a social action view of society.</i></p>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Statement 1</b>	<b>Statement 2</b>
	Inequality in society is due to patriarchy	Inequality in society is due to bourgeois ideology
<p><b>What is the difference between Statement 1 and Statement 2?</b>  <i>Statement 1 links to a feminist view of society.  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></p>		
<b>4</b>	<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
<p><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.  Statement 2 reflects the postmodern view that identity is now much more individualised.</i></p>		