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Racism

W: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin". Anyone could tell me whose quote is it?

Sarah: It is from Martin Luther King, and was pronounced in a speech in 1963.

W: Very good Sarah. So you might have guessed that the topic today is racism and segregation. In the US, Blacks were segregated from whites in American schools until 1954. Why so late?

Sarah: to my mind, it will be a long time before racial prejudice disappears in a country where slavery existed for more than two centuries. Unfortunately, it is not unusual for the American police to beat up black people and get away with it.

W: If we look at the figures, in America, the unemployment rate is much higher among black people than among white people. What could you say about Britain and France?

Sarah: I know that quite a number of children suffer racial abuse in British schools, and a series of vicious racist attacks has occurred in Britain over the last months. In France, racism is still lurking in many places, and many people are arrested because one didn't like the look of their face.

W: Thanks Sarah. So ideally what should be done?

Sarah: well, first, everyone should have a right to a job, regardless of their race, sex or colour. Then an egalitarian society would be one in which people are treated on the basis of their abilities and effort, not colour or creed.

W: Very good. Finally we can say that there is an urgent need for tolerance and racial harmony.



GLOSSARY:

Racism	Quite a number
To be judged	Racial abuse
To pronounce	A series
To guess	Vicious racist attacks
To segregate	the look of their face
To disappear	A right
To exist	Their race
To beat up	An egalitarian society
To get away	On the basis
To suffer	Abilities
To occur	Effort
To lurk	Creed
To be arrested	An urgent need
To be treated	Tolerance
A dream	Racial harmony
Little children	Unusual
A nation	Among
The color (US), the colour (GB)	Over the last months
Their skin	Regardless
A speech: un discours	
Segregation	
Blacks	
Whites	
Racial prejudice	
Slavery	
Two centuries	
The figures	
unemployment rate	



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