# Agree or disagree

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| Statement | Facilitation notes |
| Boys and girls have equal rights to privacy when taking a shower or bath. | **Agree.** Everyone, regardless of their age, gender or sexuality, has the right to privacy and to the safety of their own body. Young people will want more privacy when they grow older. It is important to respect your own and others’ bodies and personal space. |
| Sometimes girls say “no” when they don’t really mean it. | **Disagree.** Girls have the right to say “no” at any time, even if they have said “yes” in the past. We have to respect their wishes. |
| It is OK to receive food, gifts or money in exchange for sex. | **Disagree.** A relationship based on money or gifts makes someone very vulnerable. Such a relationship is not based on respect, kindness and honesty. A young person may think that they have to do anything that person wants (including having sex), so that they will continue to buy things or give them money. |
| If a girl has already had sex with a boy, he can expect to have sex with her again. | **Disagree.** Any young person has the right to decide for themselves whether they want to have sex. A girl has the right to say “no” to sex, even if she has had sex with a boy in the past. |
| Young people should respect adults, such as parents or teachers, and do whatever they ask. | **Disagree.** While it is important to be respectful towards adults, young people should not do things for adults if these things make them feel uncomfortable. |
| If someone is your girl or boyfriend, you can expect them to send you sexual messages or photos if you ask them to do so. | **Disagree.** Sexual messages or photos are a form of sexual activity. Your body is yours and nobody has the right to force anyone else to do something you don’t want. Keep in mind that creating and sharing sexual messages or photos via phones or the internet might end up with people that you did not intend to share them with. In some contexts, this is a crime according the law. If you share other people’s sexual photos, this can be considered a form of sexual violence. Depending on the ages involved, it may also count as child pornography, which is a crime. |
| Girls should dress conservatively to avoid attracting unwanted attention from boys/men. | **Disagree.** Women and girls have the right to dress however they wish. Looking or dressing a certain way does not make anyone more or less likely to be a victim of violence or harassment.  Girls have the right to refuse unwanted attention. Unwanted attention is never a girl’s fault, but is the responsibility of those who conduct the harassment. Boys and men have a responsibility to respect a girl’s body and wishes. Unwanted attention can include sexual assault or sexual violence. |
| Sometimes it may be acceptable to use violence against a girl if she has done something really bad. | **Disagree.** Nobody deserves to be treated violently, no matter what they have or have not done. Violence is never the result of anything a young person has done or did not do; it is the result of the abuser taking advantage of their power over the young person. |
| If a boy/man becomes sexually aroused, he cannot control himself and must have sex. | **Disagree**.Men can and should control their sexual behaviours and they should never force a woman to have sex.Both women and men have the right to refuse sex whenever they want, as well as the right to engage in sexual activity if they want – as long as the other person consents. |
| A man cannot commit rape against his wife. | **Disagree.** Some men feel that they have the right to have sex with their wife, whether she agrees to or not. Sex without mutual agreement is always rape. This is the case even if national legislation does not yet recognise this.  Everyone has the right to say “no” to having sex at any time. Neither a husband nor a wife has the right to demand sex or ignore their partner who is saying “no”. The same goes for unmarried couples. |
| A girl who enjoys sex a lot cannot be trusted to be faithful. | **Disagree**. Like boys and men, girls and women can have desires and enjoy having sex. This does not mean that a girl is less faithful. However, there may be social rules and beliefs that say that girls who express their sexuality are not trustworthy. |