

BLM 11 – *The Whale Rider* Chapters 10 and 11 Questions

Read Chapters 10 and 11 and provide examples of prejudice, discrimination and stereotyping in the novel. Check out the following quotes from the novel, and in each case decide if it is an example of prejudice, discrimination, or stereotyping. You will need to:

- write down the name of the person who is speaking and what is the context
- state whether this is an example of prejudice, discrimination, or stereotyping.
- explain your reasoning to support your decision.

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1. “You’ve got the whole world right here. Nothing you can get anywhere else that you can’t get here. You must be in *trouble*.”
 2. “I hadn’t realized that there were so many other Maoris over there (I thought I’d be the first), and after awhile I realized why it was nicknamed “Kiwi Valley.”
 3. “I couldn’t understand Kingi’s attitude at all; he was always trying to cross the street whenever he saw a cous he didn’t want to be seen with.”
 4. “He’s had a run of rotten luck with the workers this year, and you know what the natives are like, always drinking.”
 5. “What!” she said. “You’ll get eaten up by all them cannibals. What’s at Papua New Guinea that you can’t get at Whangara?”
 6. “As soon as I stepped off the plane, I could almost hear her wondering, Oh my goodness, how am I going to explain this to the women at the Bridge Club?”
 7. “He wants to find a young boy,” Pourourangi jested, “to pull the sword out of the stone, someone who has been marked by the Gods for the task.”
 8. “He’s a friend of Jeff’s. You know our Jeff, always bringing home dogs and strays. But at least he’s not a native.”
 9. “Oh, no. No. His tribe could be on us any second. Payback, it could be payback for us. It’s only a native.”
 10. “I don’t blame you,” I said to Jeff. “You can’t help being who you are.”