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Discrimination

Discrimination is everywhere, but we never think it can happen to us. We always close our eyes and believe that discrimination doesn't exist any more. But the truth is that discrimination still exists and it can happen to you, too. I wish discrimination did not exist because nobody is better than anybody else. We have the same value and the same rights. It doesn't matter who you are, what color you are, or where you come from.

I have discovered what discrimination is in this country. I could never have imagined that one day I would be a victim of ethnic discrimination. When I came to this country, I did not know how to speak English. I couldn't understand what people were saying. I felt like a little child that was learning how to speak and read.

Three years ago, I got a job in a restaurant. All of the workers and even the boss were black. I was the only one who was Spanish. They used to make fun of my English. They used to say bad things about me because they were thinking I could not understand them. But I did understand; I couldn't speak a lot of English but I could understand. In this job I learned many important things for my life. I could feel how discrimination can make you feel down and sad. I felt like nobody. My boss paid me less than all of the other employees because I wasn't American. I also found that many black people discriminate against white and Spanish people.

Ethnic discrimination happens because people don't respect the difference between themselves and others. It is this difference that makes people charming and cute. It is this difference that makes the world wonderful and interesting. Can you image if everybody were the same? The world would be boring. It is wonderful to find and learn about new things, new cultures, new languages, new religions and new people. I wish ethnic discrimination did not exist.