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Sociology: The study of society and the different explanations for how it all works



Sociology is about looking at the world from different perspectives.



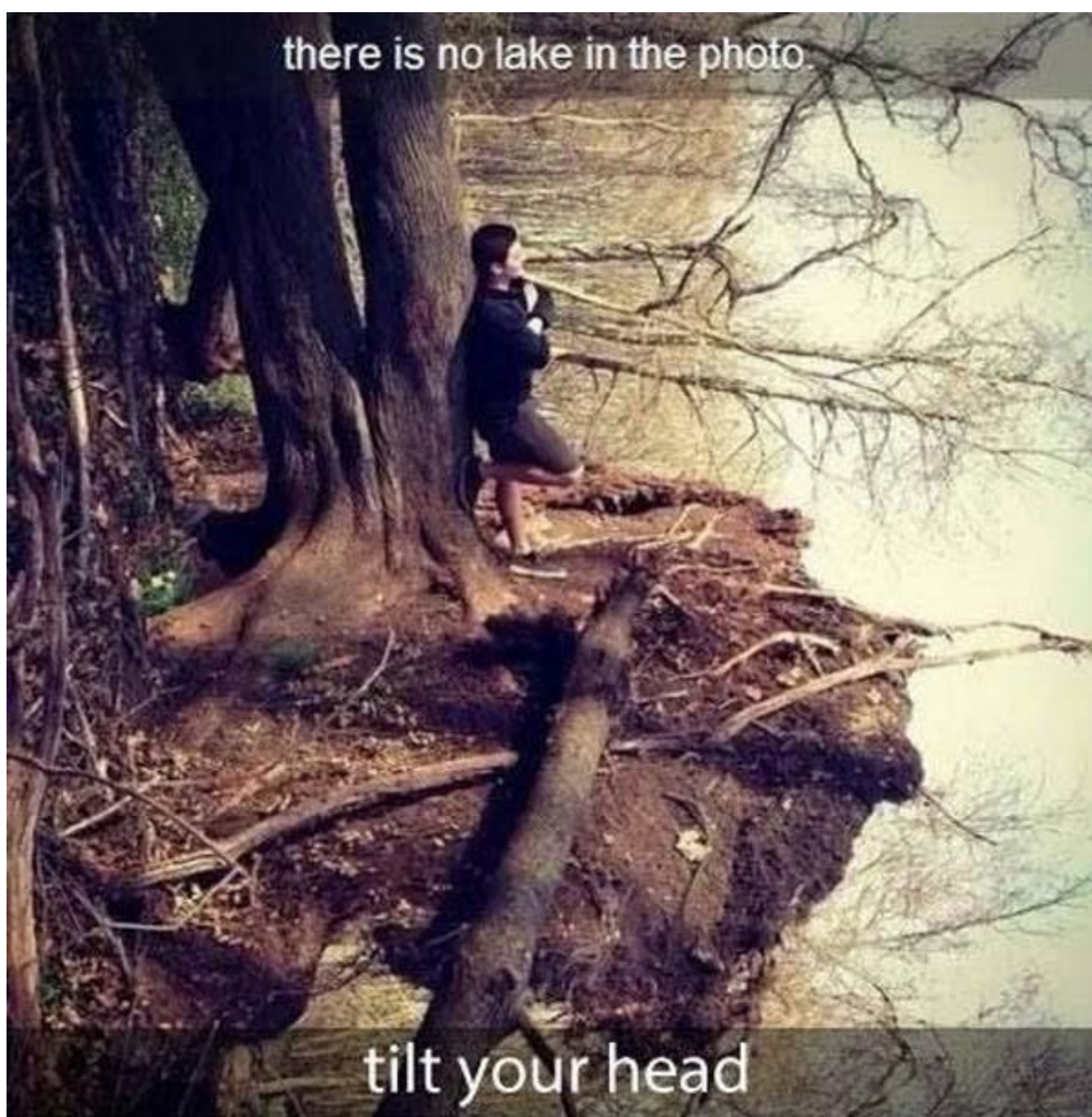
What can you see in this picture?

It is titled mother, father, daughter, can you see all three faces?

What about in these?

What do you see first?  
What do you see second?  
What are you looking for now?  
When did you stop looking?





there is no lake in the photo.

tilt your head

Sociology is all about perspectives. You may think about something in one way but someone else can completely disagree with you.

You will learn about Functionalism, Marxism, feminism, interactionism, postmodernism and be able to give arguments for and against each.

List 5 things that you think still fit into the following headings

Male

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Female

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Are you  
programmed to  
know how to  
behave?





# Feral children

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=UKX47T2QARS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKX47T2QARS)



# Socialisation is a key element of sociology. Nurture over nature



# The Shirbit Tribe

Question everything that seems normal. It will not always have been so.

The Shirbit culture believes that the human body is ugly and feeble. The Shirbit, therefore, indulge in rituals and ceremonies designed to avoid this, and so every household has a shrine devoted to the body. The rituals associated with the shrine are private and secret. Adults do not discuss the rituals and children are only told enough for them to be successfully initiated. The focal point of the shrine is a box built into the wall where key charms and magical potions for the face and body are kept. These are obtained from medicine men, who write down the ingredients in an ancient and secret language, understood only by the herbalist who prepares the potion.

Beneath the charm-box, is a small font. Every day, every member of the family enters the shrine chamber in succession and bows their head before the charm-box, mingling all sorts of holy water in the font and proceeds with a brief rite of absolution.

The Shirbit have a pathological horror of and fascination with the mouth, the condition of which is believed to have a supernatural influence on all social relationships. Were it not for the rituals of the mouth, they believe their teeth would fall out, their friends would desert them and their lovers would reject them.

Finally, men and women indulge in barbaric acts of self-mutilation. Men engage in a daily body ritual of scraping and lacerating their faces with a sharp instrument, whilst women bake their heads and hair with scorching tools.

By employers

By parents

By teachers

Like it or not you  
are being  
controlled.

By peers

By the media

By religion

By the government

# SOCIOLOGY AS A SUBJECT WILL...

- ▶ Get you to think differently about the world
- ▶ Make you more analytical and evaluative
- ▶ Improve your critical writing
- ▶ Make you justify your responses
- ▶ Stop you taking the world for granted
- ▶ Possibly make you more angry about the world
- ▶ Give you an opinion

# A level sociology

## Topics covered

- ▶ Family
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Research methods
- ▶ Beliefs
- ▶ Crime

## Exams

- ▶ Exam 1 2hrs Education and Research Methods
- ▶ Exam 2 2hrs Family and Beliefs
- ▶ Exam 3 2hrs Crime and Sociological Theory

Choose **one** topic from this section and answer **all** the questions on that topic.

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### Topic A1 Culture and Identity

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**0 1** Outline and explain **two** reasons why leisure choices may vary across different age groups. [10 marks]

**0 2** Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

**Item A**

Individuals have a sense of their own identity. This sense of identity is partly a result of the way in which individuals interpret their own experience. However, it may also be affected by the expectations and reactions of the rest of the society they live in.

Applying material from **Item A**, analyse **two** ways an individual's sense of self may be affected by their sexuality. [10 marks]

**0 3** Read **Item B** below and answer the question that follows.

**Item B**

From a Marxist perspective, the role of the socialisation process is to persuade people to accept the beliefs and values of the dominant class. All the agencies of socialisation play a part in the promotion of these beliefs and values.

However, other sociologists argue that socialisation benefits society as a whole.

Applying material from **Item B** and your knowledge, evaluate the Marxist view of the role of the socialisation process. [20 marks]

Your exam papers will look something like this, but with the topics mentioned previously.

You will be writing lots of essays for sociology.

Homework will include practice questions and research about current societal issues



Any questions?



# Sociology Review

- ▶ In pairs choose and read an article from the sociology review magazine.
- ▶ You will need to summarise the key information from your article and present the arguments to the rest of the group.
- ▶ Afterwards you need to pose a question to the group to answer that creates a debate topic.

# Join the Teams group **ry0vyl4**

- ▶ This is where you will be able to access this powerpoint and the files for your summer work.

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<https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/q4mp013gbq/assignments/assignment/cdfe1898-7155-48e5-aa52-5283c23de4e8>

Or by using the code **q4mp013gbq**

- ▶ Complete the course Sociology AQA A Level Preparation Summer 2021. This should take 69-115 minutes to complete.
- ▶ Again this will be used to aid your written work in September.