

## Activity 3. Facial expressions

The way people stand or sit and their facial expressions tell us a lot about how they are feeling. This is called 'body language'. People with autism don't understand body language. They can't 'read' the signals that most of us recognise unconsciously. Facial expressions are particularly important. Scientists have identified six facial expressions that mean the same thing in every culture around the world. They show six emotions.

These are

happiness

sadness

surprise

fear

anger

disgust

### Identikit expressions

You are given a sheet with six outlines of faces and six sets of eyes and mouths. Cut these out. Now put together six faces showing the six emotions mentioned above. Compare your faces with a neighbour. Did you create the same faces? Write a report of what you did in your book.