

# Remember your childhood - Socialization

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## Part 1: Practical Guidance and Didactical Approach

### Background and keywords:

Socialization is a complex process which is conditioned by many external and internal factors and one that goes on throughout life. The process of socialization plays a dominant role in shaping male identity of individuals. Adopting gender roles takes place in a particular social environment and undergoes general laws.

### Similar topics:

Gender role, internalization, group, social environment, education.

### Materials:

Test: How would your parents react if you ...?

### Duration:

3 one-hour class sessions

### Number of participants:

10-15 boys (and girls)

### Age:

10-11 years old boys (and girls)

### Aims:

#### Aims regarding worksheet 1:

- analyze socialization activities applied by their parents which aimed at shaping gender roles;
- learning socialization mechanisms concerning gender roles in the family;
- self-reflection on their own socialization experience concerning gender roles.

#### Aims regarding worksheet 2:

- analysis of influence of typical gender socialization experiences on the development of boys;
- determining the scope of biological and socio-cultural differences as a basis of gender polarization;
- considering the influence of gender stereotypes on the participants' life and development and realizing the possibilities to overcome them.

### Reflection:

Initial knowledge: participants know the notion and contents of gender stereotypes.