

World Afro Day on 15 September celebrates Afro hair and identities. In this video, teenagers talk about what their hair means to them.

## Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

bun	texture	off-limits	embrace
compliment	phenomenon	straighten	individuality

1. Your hair ..... can be straight, wavy or curly.
2. If you ..... something, you are saying that you admire or respect it.
3. If something is ....., you can't go near it.
4. Your ..... is what makes you different from other people.
5. A ..... is a hairstyle where the hair is in a round shape at the back of the head.
6. If you ..... something, you accept it enthusiastically.
7. A ..... is something that's special because it's extremely unusual.
8. If you ..... your hair, you make it straight and stop it being curly.

**Task 1**

Who says what? Write the sentences in the correct groups.

My hair's off-limits!	A girl behind me kept touching my hair – it was uncomfortable.	I like my hair the way it is.
I'm glad to see young girls and young boys embracing their textures.	My hair is what makes me unique.	My hair is not some form of phenomenon!

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**Task 2**

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

- but no one    You can    my hair.    Touch    can    compliment it,
- me from    else.    My hair's    everyone    what separates
- is beautiful.    is    Everyone's hair    everybody's hair    different, and
- I am.    that's who    my hair    love    I    because
- curly.    hair, just that    everyone else's    it's more    My hair    is like
- is hair    not    and it's    Black hair    weird.

**Discussion**

What's your hair like? Do you spend a lot of time on your hair?

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. texture
2. compliment
3. off-limits
4. individuality
5. bun
6. embrace
7. phenomenon
8. straighten

### Task 1

Mekhatra	Naalah	Feran	Hair stylist
<p>My hair's off-limits!</p> <p>My hair is what makes me unique.</p>	<p>I like my hair the way it is.</p>	<p>A girl behind me kept touching my hair – it was uncomfortable.</p> <p>My hair is not some form of phenomenon!</p>	<p>I'm glad to see young girls and young boys embracing their textures.</p>

### Task 2

1. You can compliment it, but no one can touch my hair.
2. My hair's what separates me from everyone else.
3. Everyone's hair is different, and everybody's hair is beautiful.
4. I love my hair because that's who I am.
5. My hair is like everyone else's hair, just that it's more curly.
6. Black hair is hair and it's not weird.