Hand out 4 - Stereotypes

Part 1 - Discuss these items and decide whether they are true or false.

1. ( ) Stereotypes can be positive or negative.
2. ( ) They are all unfair and misleading.
3. ( ) They reduce individuals to an inflexible image.
4. ( ) Human beings are unique and complex, so no one should be stereotyped.
5. ( ) They dehumanize people because they place all members of a group in one simple category.
6. ( ) Stereotypes can be true.
7. ( ) You can know a lot about a people if you know their stereotypes.
8. ( ) Stereotypes are not necessarily true, but there is a lot of reality in them.

Part 2 - Match the words about stereotypes with their definitions:

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