

## Key terms in sociology:

Sociology is the study of people and how they live together in groups. It looks at how we behave, how we learn from others, and how our culture shapes us. In this lesson, we will learn some important terms in sociology that will help you describe and understand the world around you.

### 1. Society:

- A group of people who live together in the same place and share common rules, traditions, and ways of life
- **Example:** Algerian society has diverse cultural traditions and values

### 2. Culture:

- Culture is the lifestyle, the traditions, and the beliefs shared by a group of people, including things like food, clothing, and language.
- **Example:** eating couscous on Fridays is part of the Algerian culture.

### 3. Socialization:

- Socialization is the process of learning how to behave in a way that is acceptable in society
- **Example:** when a child learns to say “please” or “thank you” from their parents, they are being socialized to understand and follow the polite behaviours expected in the society.

### 4. Norms:

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- Norms are the unwritten rules or expectations that guide how people should behave in a society or group. These are behaviours that most people consider normal or acceptable.
- **Example:** in many cultures, greeting someone politely is a norm.

#### 5. Status:

- Status is a person's position or rank in a group or society
- **Example:** a doctor has a high status in society because of their important role in helping people stay healthy.

#### 6. Role:

- A role is the expected behaviour, duties, and responsibilities associated with a particular positions or status in a group or society.
- **Example:** a student's role is to attend classes and study.