



## English for a Changing World

### Active Listening and Diversity Activity

"We have inherited a large house, a great 'world house' in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Moslem and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace."

The World House, From: Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community, Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967

Gentile – any person who is not Jewish

Unduly – excessively, extremely, - in this context *unduly* means there is a large separation

In this sentence, Martin Luther King, Jr., speaks of a diverse world where people of different national, ethnic, racial, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds come together.

1. Where and in what places do diverse peoples come together?
2. Is it possible to create a 'house' where everyone is at home?
3. Who might feel that they are left out of this home/human family?
4. Are our differences obstacles or assets to creating this home?