

Being psychologists for a day

Step 3: Being an investigator

Take the snowflake activity below and ask at least two other people to fill it in. Ask each person to do it in a different colour. You might be told to do this in school or to ask some people at home or around the school. The people you ask (your interviewees) can use it to say what they think 'God' is like. They have to put an X on each spoke – the more they agree with the description, the closer they put their X to the word. If they totally disagree that God is punishing or forgiving, they put their X in the centre.

If you prefer, you could use the LAMBI grid instead (see Resource 6.3).

Remember that this is not asking people if they believe in God, but just asking them, 'When you think about the idea of "God", what words best describe God?'

Now you're going to be psychology investigators!

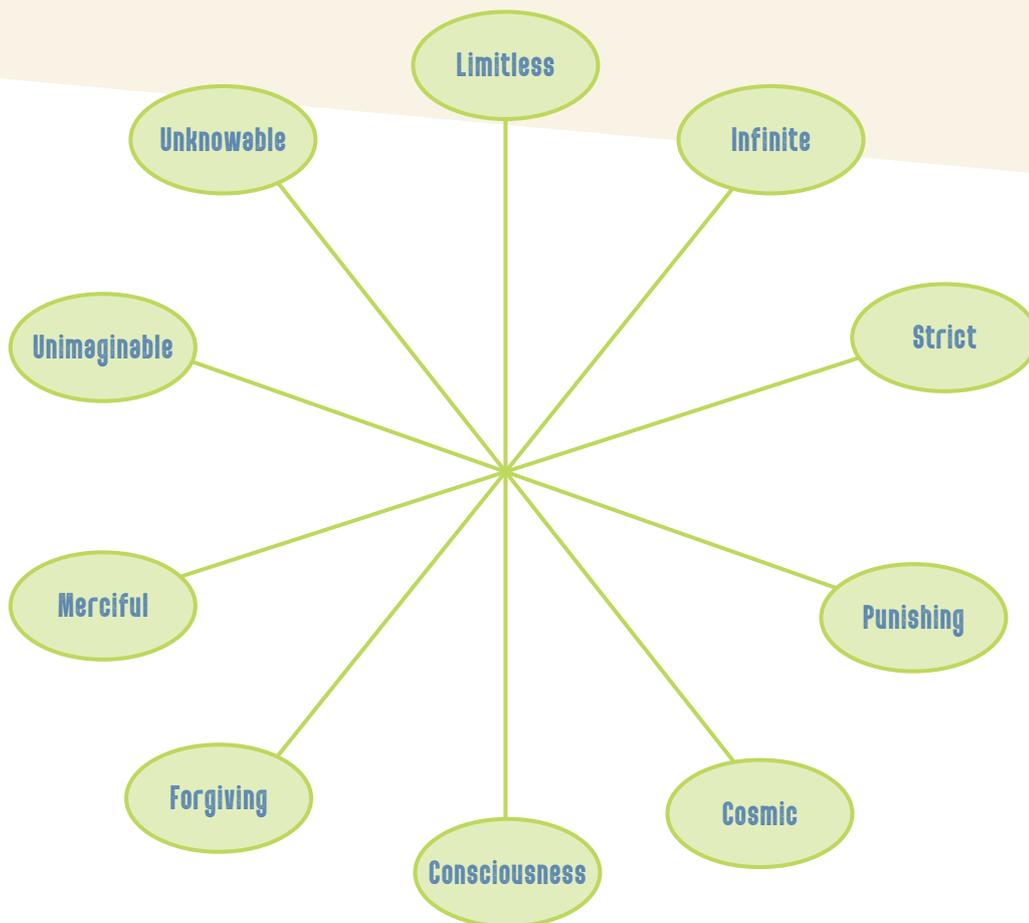


PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH INTO WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT 'GOD'

The LAMBI scale

There are many ways of thinking about God, a higher power or a divine life force, but some of God's characteristics may seem more relevant to some people than others. Using a wide range of the scale below, please rate how well each word describes God.

Note that this is not asking you to say if you believe in God or not – just what you think when you use the word 'God'.



FILLING IN THE SNOWFLAKE

Put an X along the spoke to illustrate how far you agree with the word at the end, when you think about the idea of God – the nearer the centre, the less you agree; the nearer the outside edge, the more you agree.

Join up the Xs to make your unique snowflake shape.