

Hi, my name's Alejandro. I am from Toronto, Canada, and my question is, have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (dealt / deal) with racism or \_\_\_\_\_ (sexism / sexes)?

And I've dealt with both. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ever / Even) being a man in the city, it's not uncommon. This is more so an \_\_\_\_\_ (easy / easily) question. Living in Canada as a person of color, \_\_\_\_\_ (racism / racing) isn't uncommon. While Canada's more \_\_\_\_\_ (acceptance / accepting), given that we have a history of helping people \_\_\_\_\_ (escaped / escape) slavery through the Underground Railroad in St. Catherine's, that doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ (meaning / mean) everybody is so accepting, of \_\_\_\_\_ (course / coarse). Now, Toronto is a more multicultural city, but racism, again, it's not uncommon and \_\_\_\_\_ (hateful / hater) speech happens. I have worked as a tree \_\_\_\_\_ (plants / planter), which has allowed me the privilege of traveling \_\_\_\_\_ (throughout / thorough) so many wonderful different \_\_\_\_\_ (parts / part) of Canada. And in these other parts of Canada, \_\_\_\_\_ (diverse / diversity) is not as common, and people aren't always as \_\_\_\_\_ (family / familiar) with other cultures, other cultural \_\_\_\_\_ (practical / practices), and they're not as \_\_\_\_\_ (accepting / accepted). I've lived in places like Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and I \_\_\_\_\_ (definite / definitely) felt a little bit out of place, and that's okay. It's all a \_\_\_\_\_ (matters / matter) of how people kind of accept you into \_\_\_\_\_ (they're / their) communities, and they were still accepting, although there was different \_\_\_\_\_ (levers / levels) of \_\_\_\_\_ (discomforting / discomfort) that I felt and somewhat a little bit of unfamiliarity on \_\_\_\_\_ (their / they're) part as to how other people \_\_\_\_\_ (interacted / interaction) with me. So, there are different \_\_\_\_\_ (levers / levels) to this, but it happens in \_\_\_\_\_ (many / much) different forms and it's not uncommon, but we strive. We strive, \_\_\_\_\_ (anyone / anyhow).