Radequal Script:

Key:

*Italics* are stage directions – they tell you what the actors are doing

Highlighted lines – are where you can write your own words to suit your school / setting

CAST LIST

You can change the genders of any character and give them names if you want. Try not to use the names of anyone in your class / group / school

Bully 1 – The meanest person in the class

Bully 2 – Always wants to impress Bully 1

Bully 3 – Tries to join in, but always gets it a bit wrong

Tim – a class member who is picked on

Nerd – the class member who knows all the answers!

Teacher – A supply teacher

Other Classmates

* You can add lines and reactions for other class members.
* Try and think if your character would join in, or try and ignore what is happening or would stand up for Tim
* Try and have a mixture of characters and reactions – it makes it more interesting to watch!

*Class walks in and sits down*

*Tim – sits*

Bully 1 You’re on my seat get up!

Bully 2 You should probably wash that seat before you sit on it

Bully 3 says something about Tim’s appearance

*Class laughs*

*Supply/substitute teacher enters and sits at their table*

Bully 1 Did you guys see what I sent to the group chat?

*Rest of the class laugh at what was sent on the group chat*

Classmates echo quietly Tiny Tim, Tiny Tim!

Teacher Can we settle down please while I take the register

Teacher takes register, mixes up a few names

*Teacher stands up at the front of the class*

Teacher Welcome to your citizenship class.

As you can see there are a lot of you missing due to covid, but hopefully your classmates will be back by next lesson.

Nerd Where is our regular teacher?

Teacher I haven’t been told, I’m only the supply teacher

Tim Have they got corona virus?

Teacher I don’t know to be honest, that was not disclosed to me but I would hope not, They should be back by your next lesson

Bully 2 It’s probably because we made her cry last time!

*Some classmates laugh*

Teacher No comment

Teacher To get started, today’s lesson is citizenship and we’ll be continuing on with what you’ve been learning. We’ll still be discussing the broad definition of Citizenship. I would like to believe everyone knows the country which they’re a citizen of.

Bully 1 He’s not a citizen of this country points at Tim while using phone

Teacher *To Bully 1* Put your phone down please

Bully 2 They’re not lying, Tim isn’t from here. I

Bully 3 I’ve heard his parents try to speak English and they spoke it all wrong!

*The bullies laugh*

Classmate 1 You guys don’t start on him again

Bully 2 Shutup we weren’t even speaking to you!

Classmate 1Make me!

Teacher Can we settle down please!

*Nerd is clearly annoyed*

Nerd Anyway, in its strictest sense, citizenship is a legal status that means a person has a right to live in a state and that state cannot refuse them entry or deport them. This legal status may be conferred at birth, or, in some places, obtained through ‘naturalisation’. In wealthy, democratic countries, like ours is supposed to be, citizenship also brings with it rights to vote, rights to welfare, education or health care etc.

Tim Yes I might be an immigrant and not as big as you guys but my parents pay the same taxes as yours and you’re not much bigger than me. This has been going for too long and I’ve had enough! My name is Tim and not Tiny Tim!

*Class is silent as Tim sits down*

Teacher I’m only your supply teacher but I’m very disappointed in everyone’s behaviour today and how you’ve treated your classmate. He’s an equal member of society just like you and I, he doesn’t deserve this treatment. I want you all to stop and think about what happened today and how your behaviour made Tim get to that stage

*A few seconds of silence pass*

*The students look at each other and the audience can see their emotions*

Teacher Before we leave, everyone has to tell me what they’ve learnt from this and how they’ll change their behaviour going forward.

*Everyone tells teacher how they’ll change after today and how they’ll treat people differently.*

Teacher Thanks for that. If your teacher isn’t back by next week, you’ll likely be seeing me again. If there’s no other questions, class dismissed.

*Everyone packs their stuff and are headed to the door*

*On the way out, one bully allows Tim to walk past first, saying sorry to him as he leaves.*

*How do the other bullies react?*

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