

Speaking: A1

Talking about where you're from

In this video, Emir and Vanya learn more about each other. Listen to the language they use for talking about where they're from and practise saying the useful phrases.

Before watching

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the replies (a–d) with the sentences (1–4).

Sentence

1. Where are you from?
2. Do you like Manchester?
3. What's it like?
4. It sounds like a nice place to live.

Reply

- a. Yeah. I love it!
- b. It's not beautiful, but it's a very interesting city.
- c. It is. And the people are really friendly.
- d. I live in Manchester now, but I was born in Bristol.

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

1. Vanya lives in Cambridge.
2. Vanya likes Glasgow.
3. Emir is Turkish.
4. Emir has made baklava.
5. Yuna has never eaten Emir's baklava before.
6. Vanya is happy with where she works.

Answer

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| True | False |
| True | False |
| True | False |
| True | False |
| True | False |
| True | False |

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

What's it like	I live in	where are you from	What about you
a nice place to live	the people are very friendly	Where are you from in Turkey	It's wonderful

Emir: So, (1)....., Vanya?

Vanya: I was born in Cambridge, but (2)..... Glasgow.

Emir: I've never been to Glasgow. (3)..... ?

Vanya: (4)..... . There's always something interesting to do and (5)..... .

Emir: It sounds like (6)..... .

Vanya: It is. I love it! (7)..... ? (8)..... ?

Emir: I'm from Istanbul.

Vanya: Oh, I love Istanbul!

Task 3

Complete the dialogue.

A: So where (1)..... you from in the UK?

B: I'm (2)..... Swansea, in Wales.

A: Oh, I love Wales!

B: Me too, but I love London too. There's always something interesting to do. What (3)..... you? Where are you (4)..... ?

A: I (5)..... born in Singapore.

B: I've never been to Singapore. What's it (6)..... ?

A: It's wonderful. It's a modern city with lots of green parks. The people (7)..... nice and the food is really good.

B: It (8)..... like a nice place!

Discussion

Where are you from? What's it like?

Transcript

Ana: Hi! I'm Ana. Welcome to *What to Say!*

Do you know what to say when you talk about where you're from? Listen out for useful language for talking about where you're from. Then, we'll practise saying the new phrases – after this.

Emir: So where are you from, Vanya?

Vanya: I was born in Cambridge, but I live in Glasgow.

Emir: I've never been to Glasgow. What's it like?

Vanya: Oh, it's wonderful. There's always something interesting to do and the people are really friendly.

Emir: It sounds like a nice place to live.

Vanya: It is. I love it. What about you? Where are you from in Turkey?

Emir: I'm from Istanbul.

Vanya: Oh, I love Istanbul! I went once, but a long time ago. My favourite thing was baklava. I really, really love baklava!

Emir: Today's your lucky day, Vanya. I made it myself!

Vanya: Oh! These look delicious.

Yuna: Hi.

Vanya: Hi, Yuna!

Yuna: Can I?

Emir: Of course!

Yuna: Emir's baklava is the best. Thank you!

Emir: You're welcome.

Vanya: I love this place!

Ana: Hello again! Mmm, that baklava looks delicious! So, did you notice the useful phrases used for talking about where you're from? Listen to me and then repeat.

Where are you from?

I was born in London.

I live in Glasgow now.

What's it like?

It sounds like a nice place to live.

What about you?

I'm from Istanbul.

I love Istanbul.

Ana: Try and use some of these phrases the next time you talk about where you're from in English. Bye for now!

Answers

Preparation task

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. c

Task 1

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. True

Task 2

1. where are you from
2. I live in
3. What's it like
4. It's wonderful
5. the people are very friendly
6. a nice place to live
7. What about you
8. Where are you from in Turkey

Task 3

1. are
2. from
3. about
4. from
5. was
6. like
7. are
8. sounds