



Extra training

Reading Task 354

Read the text and tick the correct box answering the questions. Which person/people ...

	Rupa	Li	Jerome
1. says their community experiences less racism now?			
2. has experienced racism?			
3. doesn't speak English at home?			
4. says their community has fit in well in Britain?			
5. likes to join in with community events?			
6. is of Asian origin?			

Multicultural Britain



"My grandparents first came to Britain from India in 1962 to work in a factory, so I'm third generation British-Indian. I speak Gujarati with my family and enjoy going to huge Indian weddings at the community centre or taking part in Hindu festival celebrations such as Diwali, but I have a lot of friends and interests outside the **community**, too. I've heard recently that more than a third of people living in my city, Leicester, today are migrants¹ or second or third **generation** migrants. So, it's set to be the first city in the UK where ethnic minority groups will **make up the majority**!"

Rupa, 16

¹people moving from place to place to find work

"When people ask me where I'm from, I say I'm British, even though I'm of Chinese origin. I used to live in a small town and I got picked on a bit because I looked different, but now I live in Newham in East London, which is the most culturally diverse place in the United Kingdom. At school, half of the pupils speak English as a second language. Our next door neighbours are from Poland. They came to Britain with their 15 year-old boy just after Poland became part of the E.U."

Li, 17

"My parents are from Jamaica, but they have been living in England since they were young. I was born and **brought up** in Birmingham, England. When the first Caribbeans were invited to come to Britain for work in the late 1940s, there was quite a lot of racism², and it was hard for Caribbeans to find well-paid work. Nowadays, the Caribbean community is one of the most **integrated** in Britain. Racism isn't **unheard of**, of course, but you only have to see how many **mixed-race marriages** there are now and how many second and third generation Caribbeans are **household names** on TV to understand how much things have changed."

Jerome, 18

²belief that people of some races are inferior to others