

UNIT 1 - TOP NOTCH 1 - WORKBOOK

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15 Read about where the people are from. Guess their nationalities. Use yes / no questions.

1. A: "My hometown is Vancouver."
B: _____?
2. A: "I'm from Beijing."
B: _____?
3. A: "I'm originally from London."
B: _____?
4. A: "I'm actually from Istanbul."
B: _____?

16 Answer the questions. Use your own words.

1. "What's your nationality?" YOU _____
2. "What's your birthplace?" YOU _____
3. "What's your hometown?" YOU _____
4. "What's your occupation?" YOU _____
5. "What's your nickname?" YOU _____

17 Read the letter and reply on an intercultural exchange website.

Ask Allen

What's in a first name? In many countries, it's the last.

Dear Allen,

I have a problem. My name is Chinese. It's Zhang Yin. Zhang is my last name and Yin is my first name. In China, family names are first and given names are last. I'm a salesman and I often travel to English-speaking countries for business. When I fill out a personal information form in English, I write Yin in the box for first name and Zhang in the box for last name. Then people call me Yin Zhang. When I introduce myself as Zhang Yin, they call me Mr. Yin. So sometimes I say that my name is Yin Zhang. But I don't feel comfortable with that because that isn't my real name. What should I do?

Zhang Yin
Shanghai, China

Dear Yin,

In English-speaking countries, when you ask, "What's your name?" you always get the person's given name first and the family name last. In China, and in many Asian countries, including Japan and Korea, the family name is first and given name is second. To avoid confusion, try introducing yourself like this: "Hi, I'm Zhang Yin. My first name is Yin and my family name is Zhang. Please call me Mr. Zhang."

Allen

Now read the sentences. Check true, false, or no information.

	true	false	no information
1. Zhang Yin's nationality is Chinese.	☐	☐	☐
2. Zhang Yin's family name is Yin.	☐	☐	☐
3. Zhang Yin is a computer programmer.	☐	☐	☐
4. Zhang Yin is married.	☐	☐	☐
5. In China, you say a person's family name first.	☐	☐	☐



Mrs. Leticia Marques, she works as a financial manager for a Swedish automotive company in Curitiba, Brazil, where she was born and raised. She is single and lives with her parents. "I use English every day," Mrs. Marques says. "We use it in most of our e-mails and meetings and for calls to Sweden, the U.S., and France." In her free time, she likes to watch DVDs in English. "It's good for my pronunciation," she says.



Mrs. Yuan Yong-jie, his wife, Zheng Yang, and their son, Yuan Bao. They live in Beijing, China. Mr. Yuan, a manager, is originally from Weihai, a small seaside city in Shandong Province. His wife is a teacher, and their son is a middle-school student. "Our company provides tour guides to foreign businesspeople who visit China, so English is very important for my work," he says. At home, Mr. Yuan enjoys watching English-language TV and listening to English-language radio.



Mrs. Marcus Stölze, an information technology researcher. Mr. Stölze lives with his wife, Therese, and children, Lena and Jan, in Riet, a small town in Switzerland. Mr. Stölze is originally from Britain, Germany. Therese is an English teacher and speaks four languages. Their children are also multilingual. "At work, we use English a lot because we communicate with people who speak many different languages," he says. "Also, most good books on computing are in English," he adds.

10. Read the article "Who uses English?" on page 10 of the Student's Book again. Answer the questions.

1. What is the nationality of Ms. Marques's company?

2. How does Ms. Marques use English in her free time?

3. Who is Mr. Yuan's wife? What is her occupation?

4. How does Mr. Yuan use English at home?

5. Who is Mr. Stölze's wife? What is her occupation?

6. How do you use English in your free time?

19 Read about a famous athlete.



Roger Federer

Name: Roger Federer
Nickname: Federer Express
Occupation: Professional athlete (tennis player)
Date of birth: August 8, 1981
Nationality: Swiss
Hometown: Basel, Switzerland
Now lives in: Wollerau, Switzerland
Interesting facts: He speaks Swiss-German, English, German, and French (also some Swedish and Italian). He is the father of twin girls born in 2009, and twin boys born in 2014. In his free time, he likes to play video games.

Now write a paragraph introducing Roger Federer. Use the paragraphs on page 11 of the Student's Book as a model.
