

# 35 Countries and nationalities

Where are you from?

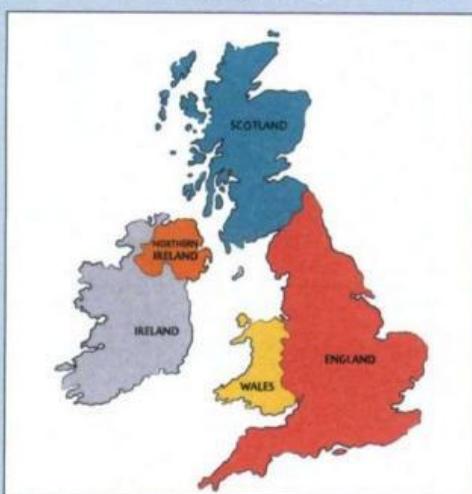
Where do you come from?

Continents and areas in the world	Country <i>I'm from / I come from ...</i>	Nationality (and language) <i>I'm ...</i>
Europe	the Czech Republic	Czech
	France	French
	Germany	German
	Greece	Greek
	Hungary	Hungarian
	Italy	Italian
	Poland	Polish
	Portugal	Portuguese
	Russia	Russian
	Spain	Spanish
	Switzerland	Swiss (German, French, Italian)
	Turkey	Turkish
Asia	India	Indian (Hindi)
	China	Chinese
	Japan	Japanese
	South Korea	Korean
	Thailand	Thai
North America	Canada	Canadian (English, French)
	the United States (of America)	American (English)
Central America ALSO Latin America	Mexico	Mexican (Spanish)
South America ALSO Latin America	Argentina	Argentinian (Spanish)
	Brazil	Brazilian (Portuguese)
Africa and the Middle East	Egypt	Egyptian (Arabic)
	Saudi Arabia	Saudi (Arabic)
Australia	Australia	Australian (English)

The word for the language and the word for the nationality are usually the same word, e.g. *Czech*.

*Jana* is **Czech**. Do you speak **Czech**?

Sometimes they are different, e.g. people from *Mexico* are *Mexican*, but the language they speak is *Spanish*. Countries, nationalities and languages begin with capital letters: *Japan* (NOT *japan*).



## GLOSSARY

country	e.g. France, China, Brazil
nationality	e.g. American, Swiss, French
language	e.g. German, Japanese, Arabic
continent	e.g. Asia, Europe, Africa
(Great) Britain	= England, Wales and Scotland
the United Kingdom / the UK	= England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

## SPOTLIGHT people from a country

To talk about people from a country, we often add *s* to the nationality.

▪ *Italians, Brazilians, Thais, Greeks*

Some plural forms are irregular.

▪ *The British, the French, the English, the Spanish, the Chinese, the Japanese, the Swiss*

1 **Underline the stressed syllable for the nationalities. Use the  to help you. Practise saying the words.**

► Poland / Polish	► Portugal / Portuguese
1 China / Chinese	5 Japan / Japanese
2 Hungary / Hungarian	6 Canada / Canadian
3 Germany / German	7 Korea / Korean
4 Italy / Italian	8 Egypt / Egyptian

2 **True or false? Write T or F.**

► Argentinians speak Spanish	T	5 Australians speak Australian.	.....
1 Saudis speak Arabic.	.....	6 Brazilians speak Portuguese.	.....
2 Mexicans speak Spanish.	.....	7 Americans speak English.	.....
3 Thais speak Japanese.	.....	8 The Swiss speak French, Spanish or German.	.....
4 Hungarians speak Hungarian.	.....		

3 **Complete the sentences.**

► Northern Ireland is in <u>the UK</u> .	6 Egypt is in .....
1 Scotland is in Great .....	7 Saudi Arabia is in .....
2 Hungary is in .....	.....
3 Mexico is in ..... America.	8 India is in .....
4 Africa is a .....	9 Asia is a .....
5 Argentina is in ..... America.	

4 **Write the first letter of each word. Remember, countries and nationalities begin with CAPITAL LETTERS. Then write C (country) or N (nationality) next to each one.**

► <u>S</u> audi	<u>N</u>	► <u>B</u> ritain	<u>C</u>	11 <u>G</u> reek	—
1 <u>I</u> taly	—	6 <u>C</u> zech	—	12 <u>F</u> rench	—
2 <u>H</u> ungary	—	7 <u>E</u> gypt	—	13 <u>D</u> ermany	—
3 <u>M</u> exico	—	8 <u>P</u> anish	—	14 <u>R</u> ussia	—
4 <u>A</u> frica	—	9 <u>B</u> razil	—	15 <u>A</u> rgentinian	—
5 <u>C</u> hina	—	10 <u>T</u> urkey	—	16 <u>P</u> ortugal	—

5 **Complete the text.**

My name's Magda, and I'm studying ► English in London at the moment. I'm from (1) Po....., and I live with two students: Silvia, who's (2) Br....., and Irina who's from (3) Ru...... Irina speaks (4) Ru..... and (5) Po...... We go to a language school in the centre. Our class has many nationalities: there are two (6) Ja..... students, a (7) Ko..... man, three (8) Tu..... women, a young (9) It..... girl, a (10) Ch..... boy and four students from (11) Sp...... Our teacher is Dennis, and he's (12) Au......

6 **Complete the boxes with nationalities ending in these letters.**

-ian	-ish	-an	-ese
► <u>I</u> talian	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—

7 **ABOUT YOU** Do you know people from any of these countries? Put a (✓) next to the country if you do. If possible, tell another student.



TEST YOURSELF