# 35 Countries and nationalities

Where are you from?

Where do you come from?

| Continents and areas in the world | Country<br>*I'm from / I come from ...* | Nationality (and language)<br>*I'm ...* |
|---|---|---|
| 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<br>ALSO Latin America | Mexico | Mexican (Spanish) |
| South America<br>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**

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|---|---|
| **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*



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

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

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

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

**3** **Complete the sentences.**

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

**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.**

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| ▶ | S audi | N | ▶ | B ritain | C | 11 | ___reek | ___ |
| 1 | ___taly | ___ | 6 | ___zech | ___ | 12 | ___rench | ___ |
| 2 | ___ungary | ___ | 7 | ___gypt | ___ | 13 | ___ermany | ___ |
| 3 | ___exico | ___ | 8 | ___panish | ___ | 14 | ___ussia | ___ |
| 4 | ___wiss | ___ | 9 | ___razil | ___ | 15 | ___rgentinian | ___ |
| 5 | ___hina | ___ | 10 | ___urkey | ___ | 16 | ___ortugal | ___ |

**5** **Complete the text.**

My name's Magda, and I'm studying ▶ En glish 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ▶ Italian | | | |
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**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.**

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