

Stereotypes

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1. Descriptions and comparisons

Describe these two pictures, where are these people, what are they wearing, doing etc?



Now look at these pictures and compare them.



Where do you think all these people come from, and why?

2. Nationalities



How many of the countries above can you name? What are the nationalities of the people that live there?

Number	Country	Nationality	
		Adjective	Noun (if different)
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Now complete these sayings with some of the nationalities above (or others):

Heaven is where the police are _____, the chefs are _____, the mechanics are _____, the students are _____ and everything is organised by the _____.

Hell is where the police are _____, the chefs are _____, the mechanics are _____, the students are _____ and everything is organised by the _____.

3. Adjectives, stereotypes and customs

Which nationalities would you associate with these adjectives?

punctual	outgoing	hospitable	aggressive
tolerant	nationalistic	talkative	polite
romantic	well-dressed	sociable	rude
respectful	humorous	serious	arrogant
hard-working	lazy	quiet	ignorant
emotional	sophisticated	formal	casual

With your partner, decide which of this advice for visiting England is true or false?

- You should never jump a queue T/F
- It's ok to open an umbrella indoors T/F
- Say please and thank you as much as possible T/F
- You should say sorry when someone stands on your foot T/F
- You should always take your hat off when you go inside T/F
- Cover your mouth when yawning T/F
- You should wait at the table to be served in a bar T/F
- When you meet someone new, kiss them on both cheeks T/F
- In public, talk as loudly as you can (preferably not in English) T/F
- Men should always let women enter bars and restaurants first. T/F
- It is impolite to stare at people. T/F
- Do not ask a lady her age T/F
- Spitting in the street is against the law. T/F
- It is ok to ask how much money someone earns. T/F
- Never eat off a knife when having a meal. T/F
- It is ok for women to eat alone in a restaurant. T/F
- It is ok for men to drink white wine spritzer. T/F



Can you think of similar (true) advice for people visiting your country?

- _____
- _____
- _____
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