

Stereotypes – Teacher’s notes (refer to worksheet)

1. Descriptions and comparisons. There are many options for this. It can be used in a similar way to an FCE oral exam; comparing the pictures either alone or in pairs; describing individual photos after a short time to think about them and encouraging them not to be put off if they don’t know a word of name for something.

2. Students go through the map and fill in the table alone or in pairs. When all are done, go over it with the whole class. Use the answers as ways to explain the geography of Britain and other anomalies.

The answers are as follows:

Number	Country	Nationality	
		Adjective	Noun (if different)
1	Italy	Italian	
2	Spain	Spanish	Spaniard
3	Great Britain	British	Brit/Briton
4	The Netherlands	Dutch	(note there’s no singular)
5	Germany	German	
6	Poland	Polish	Pole
7	France	French	
8	Austria	Austrian	
9	Switzerland	Swiss	
10	Belgium	Belgian	
11	Greece	Greek	
12	Hungary	Hungarian	
13	The Czech Republic	Czech	
14	Romania	Romanian	
15	Turkey	Turkish	Turk

3. Working in small groups, students assign stereotype adjectives to nationalities. Comment on some of the differences to your own experiences and own country’s stereotypes of that nation.

In pairs students now go through the cultural advice for visiting Britain, deciding if each is true or false. Answer vocabulary questions beforehand or as the students go.

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

Comment as you go through the answers, then get students to think of advice for their own country.