

Countries, Nationalities

Country of origin.....
Nationality.....

Quiz

Below is a series of competitions for you to try in groups. Its main aim is not to test your **geography**, but to help you study and practise your English. Only look at the left-hand column. Cover the words on the right. Try to answer the questions. Then check your answers by looking at the words in the right-hand column.

- 1 Which countries have **borders** with the following groups of countries given below?

1 Guatemala El Salvador Nicaragua	Honduras
2 Algeria Niger Chad Sudan Egypt	Libya
3 Colombia Costa Rica	Panama

- 2 Now, the reverse: which countries border those on the left below? And what nationality are most of the people in them?

1 Switzerland (five)	Italy Liechtenstein France Austria West Germany	Swiss Italian Liechtensteiner French Austrian German Bolivian
2 Bolivia (five)	Brazil Peru Argentina Paraguay Chile	Brazilian Peruvian Argentinian Paraguayan Chilean
3 England (two)	Scotland Wales	English Scottish Welsh

- 3 Travelling between the cities below, by the shortest possible land route, which countries would you pass through? And what nationality of people would you see most of? Name four countries for each journey.

1 From Tel Aviv to Ankara	Israel The Lebanon	Israeli Lebanese
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2 From Kabul to Katmandu	Syria Turkey Afghanistan Pakistan India Nepal	Syrian Turkish Afghan Pakistani Indian Nepalese
3 From Bucharest to Dresden	Romania Hungary Czechoslovakia East Germany	Romanian Hungarian Czech(oslovakian) East German
4 From Lusaka to Entebbe	Zambia Zaire Tanzania Uganda	Zambian Zairean Tanzanian Ugandan

4 Which countries have the **currencies** listed below? And what nationality are most of the people who have that kind of money in their pockets?

1 rand	South Africa	South African
2 yen	Japan	Japanese
3 renminbi	China	Chinese
4 rial	Iran	Iranian
5 markka	Finland	Finnish
6 zloty	Poland	Polish
7 drachma	Greece	Greek
8 baht	Thailand	Thai
9 guilder	Holland (The Netherlands)	Dutch
10 rouble	Russia (The Soviet Union) (The USSR)	Russian

5 Don't worry if you're finding them difficult; the idea is not to get them all right. I had the advantage of an **atlas** and **encyclopedia**. Which countries have these cities as the **capital**? And what nationality are most of the people living in them?

1 Caracas	Venezuela	Venezuelan
2 Sofia	Bulgaria	Bulgarian
3 Nairobi	Kenya	Kenyan
4 Seoul	South Korea	South Korean
5 Montevideo	Uruguay	Uruguayan
6 Lagos	Nigeria	Nigerian
7 Addis Ababa	Ethiopia	Ethiopian
8 Amman	Jordan	Jordanian
9 Harare	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwean
10 Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	Saudi (Arabian)
11 Baghdad	Iraq	Iraqi
12 Reykjavic	Iceland	Icelandic

6 In which countries do cars with these signs on them probably start their journeys? And what nationality are their drivers likely to be?

1 CDN	Canada	Canadian
2 MEX	Mexico	Mexican
3 MA	Morocco	Moroccan
4 L	Luxembourg	Luxembourger
5 E	Spain	Spanish
6 YU	Yugoslavia	Yugoslavian

7 IRL	Ireland / Eire	Irish
8 USA	The USA (The United States)	American
9 NZ	New Zealand	New Zealander

7 In which countries would you find these dishes most often? And what nationality would most of the people eating them be?

1 satay sauce	Indonesia	Indonesian
2 couscous	Morocco	Moroccan
3 kebabs	Turkey	Turkish
4 smörgos	Sweden	Swedish
5 white chocolates	Belgium	Belgian (Flemish)
6 brown cheese	Norway	Norwegian
7 kangaroo-tail soup	Australia	Australian
8 chicken livers in port	Portugal	Portuguese
9 pastries with nuts and dried fruit	Denmark	Danish

8 English is an easy language, so most of the words in the third column above, except those ending *-ish* or *-ese* can be used as an adjective or as a noun: *She's Italian* or *She's an Italian* – *He's Israeli* or *He's an Israeli*. This is always true of those words ending *-an* or *-i*.

But there are some special cases, such as the form a **Dutchman**, an **Irishman**, an **Englishman**, a **Frenchman**, a **Welshman**. People from Scotland can be rather complicated. We can call them **Scottish** or **Scotsmen**. If you want to make them angry, you can call them *Scotch*. Alternatively, we can say **He's (She's) a Scot**. Using *He's a ...*, see if you can give the nationality of the following people:

1 Alan Wells, sprinter	a Scot
2 Lasse Viren, long-distance runner	a Finn
3 Bjorn Borg, tennis player	a Swede
4 Hans Christian Andersen, story-teller	a Dane
5 Lech Walesa, trade union leader	a Pole
6 Kemal Ataturk, national hero	a Turk
7 Pablo Picasso, artist	a Spaniard
8 Alexander Dubcek, one-time party leader	a Czech
9 John Walker, middle-distance runner	a New Zealander

Game

To finish, a word-association game. What do you think of when you hear the word *Danish*? Danish bacon? Danish butter? Danish cheese?

1 Write or say the word you think of first to go with each of the words below. Possible answers are given on the right. See how often you think of the same word as the one printed in the book.

1 Danish	bacon
2 German	beer
3 French	perfume
4 Irish	whiskey
5 Japanese	motor bikes
6 American	football
7 Greek	islands
8 New Zealand	butter
9 English	weather
10 Russian	dolls

- 11 Argentinian
- 12 Egyptian

beef
pyramids

2) Now, play the game the other way round. Write or say the nationality you associate with the things listed below. Are they the same as those in the book?

- 1 cigarettes
- 2 cheese
- 3 carpets
- 4 coffee
- 5 tortillas
- 6 silk
- 7 shoes
- 8 rugby
- 9 goulash
- 10 tulips
- 11 cigars
- 12 guitar
- 13 restaurants

Turkish
Swiss
Persian
Brazilian
Mexican
Thai
Italian
Welsh
Hungarian
Dutch
Cuban (Havana)
Spanish
Chinese

3) Add any other words or expressions about countries and nationalities as you meet them.

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