A multicultural society

# Before watching

**1.**  **Discuss these questions with a partner.**

X What do you understand by the term ‘cultural diversity’?

X How culturally diverse is your class? And what about your local town/city?



**Video vocabulary**

**2.**  **Answer these quiz questions with a partner.**

1. What is the centre of the Bangladeshi community in London?

**a** Oxford Street.

**b** Brick Lane.

**c** Camden town.

1. The Bangladeshi area of London is famous for its

**a** jewellery.

**b** ethnic clothes.

**c** curries.

1. The first large ethnic group to move to the UK was from

**a** West India.

**b** Asia.

**c** East Europe.

1. A lot of East Europeans originally found work as

**a** shop assistants.

**b** restaurant waiters.

**c** plumbers.

# While watching

1. **Watch the first part of the video (up to 00:52) and check your answers to the quiz in the Before Watching section.**
2. **Watch the rest of the video (00:52-end) and decide if these sentences are True (T) or False (F).**

 **1.** Ajay was born in London.

 **2.** He thinks London is a great place.

 **3.** Ajay’s parents are from Pakistan.

 **4.** The parents came to Britain for a better life.

 **5.** Ajay still lives at home with his parents.

 **6.** The teacher’s main ethnic groups in class are Spanish and Portuguese children.

 **7.** She finds that the children are not very integrated with British society.

 **8.** The children often have language problems with English.

 **9.** Jarelle’s parents came to Britain in the 1960’s.

 **10.** Jarelle has been to Jamaica a few times.

 **11.** Jarelle lives with his grandmother.

 **12.** Chicken tikka masala is originally an Indian dish.

 **13.** Chimicurri is a type of sausage.

 **14.** People in Britain like Parma ham.

1. **Now watch the video again and answer these questions.**
   1. How many Bangladeshis are there in the UK?

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* 1. When did Asian people start moving to Britain?

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* 1. Where was Ajay born exactly?

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* 1. When did Ajay’s parents come over to Britain?

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* 1. How does Ajay consider London?

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* 1. Where is the teacher’s school?

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* 1. What benefit did the teacher get from having multicultural students?

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* 1. When does Jarelle eat Jamaican food?

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* 1. How many curry restaurants are there in Britain?

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* 1. Where can you get good international food in Britain?

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# After watching

**Find someone who has moved to Italy from another country and interview them about their experiences. You can follow the suggestions at teacher.scholastic.com/ products/read180/community/pdfs/rBkProj\_B\_W1\_E.pdf. Write a brief report of what you found out.**

**Read the Web page on acceptable social behaviour in the UK at** [**www.projectbritain.com/behaviour.html#rules:**](http://www.projectbritain.com/behaviour.html#rules) **how many of these rules are valid for Italy? What other rules on social behaviour could you add to help someone integrate into your society?**

**Read this comment by an English woman living in a multicultural area of North London. Do you agree with what she says?**

## Mary Kemp, 82, has lived on the estate with her

***husband, Bill, since it was opened.***

***She said: “We moved here from a house with no bathroom. It was like a holiday camp and that remains the case. We are pure English and do you know***

***what that means? It means being tolerant of people, regardless of colour or creed. It means embracing people who are different from you. That’s why we stayed here.”***

***(from:*** [***www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/this-britain/***](http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/this-britain/) ***multicultural-britain-an-unlikely-success-***

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