

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: table completion, categorising, word association

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions, freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Country names and nationality adjectives

Yes/no questions and short answers with the verb *to be*

Aim

To practice country names and nationality adjectives

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This countries and nationalities worksheet helps students practice the names of countries and corresponding nationalities.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Working alone, students write the nationality of each country shown in a chart.

Exercise A - Answer key

Australian	Turkish	Egyptian	Swiss
Japanese	Chinese	Dutch	Irish
British	Spanish	Israeli	French
American	Indian	Polish	Portuguese
Italian	Vietnamese	Thai	Lebanese

Next, students categorize the nationalities, according to their suffixes.

Exercise B - Answer key

-n, -an, -ian	-ese	-ish	other
Australian	Japanese	British	Dutch
American	Chinese	Turkish	Israeli
Italian	Vietnamese	Spanish	Thai
Indian	Portuguese	Polish	Swiss
Egyptian	Lebanese	Irish	French

After that, in pairs, students test each other on the countries and nationalities.

The student being tested puts their worksheet face-down.

If their partner says a country, the student replies with the corresponding nationality.

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Afterwards, students swap roles and repeat the activity.

Finally, students take turns imagining they are from a country on the worksheet, and their partner asks yes/no questions with the verb *to be* to find out which country they are from.

A. Write the nationality of each country.

Country	Nationality	Country	Nationality
Australia		Egypt	
Japan		Netherlands	
Britain		Israel	
The United States		Poland	
Italy		Thailand	
Turkey		Switzerland	
China		Ireland	
Spain		France	
India		Portugal	
Vietnam		Lebanon	

B. Categorize the nationalities according to their suffixes.

-n, -an, -ian	-ese	-ish	other

C. Work with a partner. Test your partner on the different countries and nationalities.

If you say a country, your partner replies with the nationality. If you say a nationality, your partner replies with the country.



D. Now, take turns imagining you are from another country. Choose a country from the worksheet. Your partner then tries to guess which country you are from using yes/no questions with the verb *to be*.

Example:

A: Are you from Spain?
A: Are you from Italy?
A: Are you from Japan?
A: So, you are Japanese?

B: No, I'm not.
B: No, I'm not.
B: Yes, I am.
B: Yes, that's right.

