

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Countries and nationalities

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

Aim

To practice countries and nationalities

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This productive worksheet activity helps students to learn and practice countries and nationalities.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Working alone, students write the nationality for each country in the chart on the worksheet.

When the students have finished, go through the answers with the class.

Answer key

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

Next, students categorize the nationalities according to their suffixes.

Answer key

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

After that, divide the students into pairs and have one student in each pair turn over their worksheet.

The other student then tests their partner on the countries and nationalities. If the student says a country, their partner replies with the corresponding nationality. If the student says a nationality, their partner replies with the country. When the students have finished, they swap roles and repeat the activity.

Finally, students take it in turns to imagine they are from another 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 for each country.

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

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 it in turns to imagine 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? B: No, I'm not.
 A: Are you from Italy? B: No, I'm not.
 A: Are you from Japan? B: Yes, I am.
 A: So, you are Japanese? B: Yes, that's right.

