

**Global View - Nationalities** (C0263)

A: Hey! How was your first day of class? I'm in level two and I'm loving my class this semester! It's great being in a class of international students!

B: Mine was ok, except that no one in my class speaks English. I guess it will force me to converse in Chinese more in class so at least I should improve a lot this semester.

A: That's both fortunate and unfortunate. It's the United Nations in my class! We have people from all over the world! There are three Germans, a Pole, a Scottish, two French, an American, a Brazilian, a Chilean, a New Zealander, though he prefers to call himself a Kiwi. Who else do we have? Oh, we also have a Moroccan, a Togolese, a Pakistani, and two Indonesians!

B: That's quite the array of nationalities. Everyone in my class is from Asia, except me. There are a few South Koreans, several Japanese, Malaysian, Thai, Singaporean, Filipino, Kazakhstani, and one Russian.

A: Well, I think you're pretty lucky actually. You'll have the opportunity to learn so much about Asian culture.

B: I guess so, but I think it's going to be hard to relate to my classmates, especially with the language barrier. I think I might change classes.

A: Don't! Stay the course! Your spoken Chinese will be eternally grateful. I bet you it will even surpass mine with all that practice.

B: I highly doubt it. Your girlfriend is Chinese.

A: Well, there is that, yes.

### Key Vocabulary

United Nations	<i>N</i>	an international political organization
array	<i>N</i>	a large group or quantity of people or things
opportunity	<i>N</i>	chance
language barrier	<i>N</i>	trouble communicating because speak different languages

stay the *P*  
course

remain or persevere to  
the end

### Supplementary Vocabulary

Dutch *A*

relating to the people of  
Netherlands

Finn *N*

A person from Finland

Dane *N*

A person from Den-  
mark

naturalize *V*

process by which a per-  
son becomes a citizen of  
another country

ethnic *A*

relating to groups of  
people that have com-  
mon racial, tribal or re-  
ligious traits