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# I'm American. Where are you from?

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## lesson description

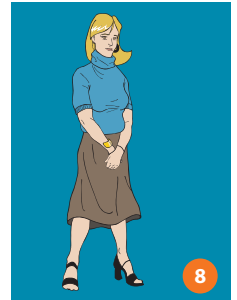
You will be able to identify what country people are from and use the present tense form of the verbs "live" and "have."

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## objectives

- Discuss place of origin
- Use articles
- Practice present tense verbs

# vocabulary



1 flag

2 language

3 passport

4 buildings

5 Africa

6 world

7 man

8 woman

## verbs

### to live

I live

you live

she/he/it lives

they/we live

### to have

I have

you have

she/he/it has

they/we have

## your turn

Fill in the blank with the correct "to live" or "to have" verb.

*For example:*

Simon **lives** in Ireland.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ in Toronto.
2. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ a passport?
3. Where do you \_\_\_\_\_?
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ a friend in Asia.
6. Sara \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.
7. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ a job.
8. Peter and Jeff \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.

## key phrases

Thank you.

You're welcome.

Where are you from?

I am from ...

Where do you live?

I live in ...

## conversation

Read the following conversation  
out loud five times.

**Narrator:** Where are you from?

**Peter:** I am from the United States.  
I am an American.

**Narrator:** Where are they from?

**Kim:** They are from China. They are  
Chinese.

**Narrator:** Where is she from?

**Jeff:** She is from India. She is Indian.

**Narrator:** Where are you from?

**Sara:** We are from Mexico. We are  
Mexicans.

**Narrator:** Where do you live?

**Peter:** I live in the United States.



## your turn

Answer the questions using complete sentences and  
the correct "to be," "to live," or "to have" verbs.

*For example:*

She **lives** in Norway.

1. Where do you live?

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2. What city is your mother from?

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3. Does Brazil have an orange flag?

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4. Where does your friend live?

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5. What kind of house do you have?

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6. Where is your grandmother from?

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7. Does your father have a passport?

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8. Where are Japanese people from?

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# articles

1. Use **an** with general nouns starting with a vowel (a,e,i,o,u).

For example:

**an** address

**an** American

2. Use **a** with general nouns starting with a consonant (letters that are not vowels) or with a vowel that start with the "Y" sound.

For example:

**a** name

**a** city

**a** phone number

**a** European

**a** user

3. Use **the** with specific nouns.

For example:

**the** American man

**the** white cat

**the** delicious pizza

Articles do not change when the subject is plural. "A" and "an" are never used with a plural subject.

For example:

**the** young boy = **the** young boys

**the** French woman = **the** French women

# your turn

Find 10 words in the following word search. The words appear vertically, horizontally and diagonally. Write the words under the correct article.

language, Indian, flag, passport, American, continent, Australian, nationality, Argentinean

M	D	E	F	D	I	S	D	V	A	E	N	U
A	N	G	C	O	N	T	I	N	E	N	T	O
R	L	J	K	T	D	E	N	B	S	G	I	T
G	T	U	O	L	I	R	D	S	U	C	R	A
E	F	L	A	G	A	Q	I	D	S	O	H	U
N	W	O	M	A	N	I	P	A	P	L	K	S
T	Y	I	E	M	E	A	N	S	M	O	W	T
I	N	R	R	D	F	D	S	G	M	I	L	R
N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	I	T	Y	O	A
E	C	V	C	N	P	M	Q	G	W	E	P	L
A	S	D	A	H	J	K	L	L	Z	X	V	I
N	L	A	N	G	U	A	G	E	V	B	N	A
E	R	T	Y	U	I	P	I	M	M	L	O	N

**A**

A woman

A \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

**An**

An \_\_\_\_\_

An \_\_\_\_\_

An \_\_\_\_\_

An \_\_\_\_\_

## articles

Articles are little words that we use to refer to things or objects. The most common articles in English are **a**, **an**, and **the**.

## putting it all together...

Practice this conversation (in English, please!) with two other friends or classmates.  
Take turns as each speaker.

**Student 1** Hello, my name's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Student 2** (I'm) glad to meet you. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Student 1** This is my friend \_\_\_\_\_.

**Student 3** Pleased to meet you.

**Student 2** Where are you from, \_\_\_\_\_?

**Student 1** I (am/live) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Student 3** Oh really? I \_\_\_\_\_ from Santiago.

**Student 2** Wow! Chile \_\_\_\_\_ great food/people/mountains!

**Student 3** Where does your family live?

**Student 2** My family \_\_\_\_\_.

**Student 1** Do you \_\_\_\_\_ a passport?

**Student 3** I have \_\_\_\_\_.

## cultural tip

When you meet new friends, try using phrases like "Oh really?", "How interesting!", or "Wow!" to show you are interested in them.

## your turn - exercise 1

1. lives
2. have
3. live
4. live
5. has
6. lives
7. has
8. live

## your turn - exercise 2

1. I live in (Caracas).
2. My mother is from (Pasadena).
3. No, Brazil has a green flag.
4. My friend lives in (London).
5. I have (an old) house.
6. My grandmother is from (Moscow).
7. My father (has/does not have) a passport.
8. Japanese people are from Japan.

## your turn - exercise 3

(in any order)

- a nationality
- a passport
- a language
- a woman
- a continent
- a flag
  
- an American
- an Australian
- an Argentinean
- an Indian

## putting it together - exercise 4

Student 1: Hello, my name is **(Andrea)**.

Student 2: (I'm) glad to meet you. My name is **(Satomi)**.

Student 1: This is my friend. **(His/her name is Robin.)**

Student 3: Pleased to meet you.

Student 2: Where are you from, **(name)?**

Student 1: I **(am from Colombia/live in America)**.

Student 3: Oh really? I **am from** Santiago.

Student 2: Wow! Chile **has** great (food/people/mountains)!

Student 3: Where does your family live?

Student 2: **My family lives in (Osaka)**.

Student 1: Do you have a passport?

Student 3: **(Yes/No)**, I **(have/don't have)** a passport.