

COUNTRIES, NATIONALITIES AND LANGUAGES

The word 'Nationality' is not often used in spoken English. It is a formal and official word and it appears more frequently in written English. You will find the word 'Nationality' is used a lot in the travel industry and for immigration.

We almost never say: What is your nationality?

We usually say: Where are you from? OR Where do you come from?

To tell someone your nationality you DON'T say: My nationality is Chilean.

You say: I'm Chilean

Remember

I am from Mexico

To Be + from + country

I am Mexican

To Be + Nationality

Below is a list of countries with the appropriate nationality. The Language that appears is the main language that is spoken in the country. We have not included all the languages that they may speak in that country.

Country	Nationality	Language
Argentina	Argentine / Argentinean	Spanish
Australia	Australian	English
Belgium	Belgian	French / Flemish
Brazil	Brazilian	Portuguese
Canada	Canadian	English / French
Chile	Chilean	Spanish
China	Chinese	Chinese
Colombia	Colombian	Spanish
Costa Rica	Costa Rican	Spanish

Cuba	Cuban	Spanish
Denmark	Danish (Dane)	Danish
Dominican Republic	Dominican	Spanish
Ecuador	Ecuadorian	Spanish
Egypt	Egyptian	Arabic
El Salvador	Salvadorian	Spanish
England	English	English
Finland	Finnish	Finnish
France	French	French
Germany	German	German
Greece	Greek	Greek
Guatemala	Guatemalan	Spanish
Haiti	Haitian	French / Creole
Honduras	Honduran	Spanish
Ireland	Irish	Irish / English
Israel	Israeli	Hebrew
Italy	Italian	Italian
Japan	Japanese	Japanese
Korea	Korean	Korean
Mexico	Mexican	Spanish
Netherlands	Dutch	Dutch
New Zealand	New Zealander	English / Maori
Nicaragua	Nicaraguan	Spanish
Norway	Norwegian	Norwegian
Panama	Panamanian	Spanish
Paraguay	Paraguayan	Spanish

Peru	Peruvian	Spanish
Poland	Polish	Polish
Portugal	Portuguese	Portuguese
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rican	Spanish
Russia	Russian	Russian
Saudi Arabia	Saudi	Arabic
Spain	Spanish	Spanish
Sweden	Swedish	Swedish
Switzerland	Swiss	Swiss
Taiwan	Taiwanese	Chinese
Thailand	Thai	Thai
Turkey	Turkish	Turkish
United States	American *	English
Uruguay	Uruguayan	Spanish
Venezuela	Venezuelan	Spanish
Vietnam	Vietnamese	Vietnamese
Wales	Welsh	Welsh / English

*You will notice that people from United States have the nationality 'American'. Some people from other parts of the American continent (especially Central and South America) tend not to like the word American for people from the United States. You will find that they will call them North American.

<http://www.vocabulary.cl/Basic/Nationalities.htm>

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