

Cultural shocks at work

VOCABULARY

LEVEL
Intermediate

NUMBER
EN_BE_2631V

LANGUAGE
English

lingoda

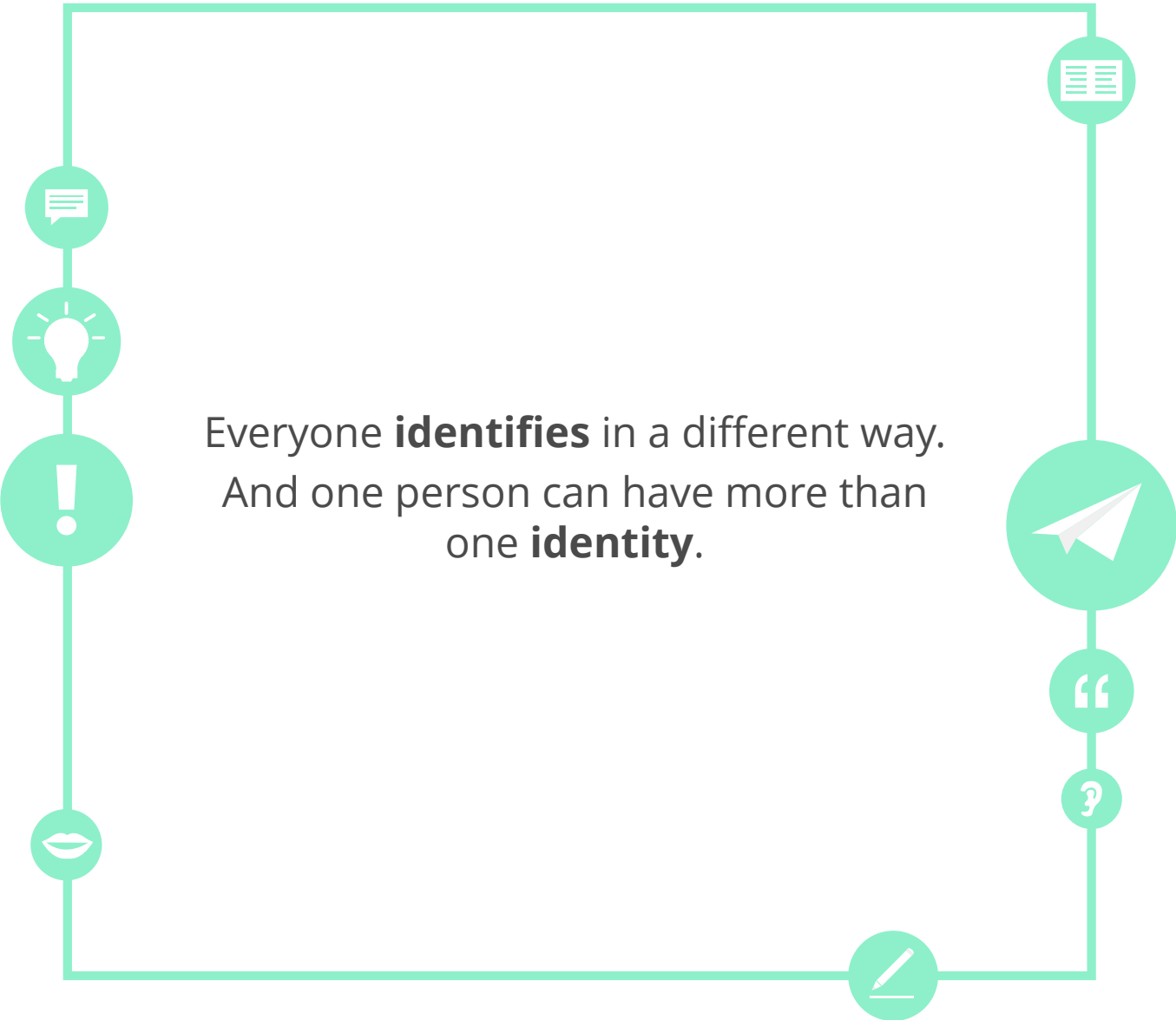




Goals

- Can talk in simple terms about identity, nationality and ethnicity.
- Can describe different ways of identifying.





Everyone **identifies** in a different way.
And one person can have more than
one **identity**.



Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to learn how to talk about your **identity**.



We **identify as** homosexual.

identity



Identity is who a person is.

nationality

citizenship

Nationality usually refers to the **official right** to **belong** to a **country**. We often think of nationality as our **country of birth**.

Citizenship is also about **belonging** to a certain **country** but it is related to **political** and **legal rights** and **responsibilities**.



I was born in Canada so I have Canadian **nationality**.



I got Australian **citizenship** 3 years ago.

ethnicity

Ethnicity is about **belonging** to a certain **social group**. This group often has the same traditions, language or history.



People of all different **ethnicities** work here.



New words

political identity

Your **political identity** is often connected to a group who have similar political beliefs.

personal identity

Your **personal identity** is connected to many things such as nationality, ethnicity and political beliefs. It is what you believe about yourself as a person.



to identify as

to belong to

If you **identify as** something, you say and believe you are part of, or **belong to**, a certain group.



We **identify as** LGBTQ.



Speaking

**What's the difference between nationality and citizenship?
What nationality are you? Do you hold any other citizenships?**





Categorise

Match the terms to the list and justify your opinion.

British

homosexual

liberal

German

black

conservative

pessimistic

Asian

Japanese

white

anarchist

heterosexual

Nationality

Ethnicity

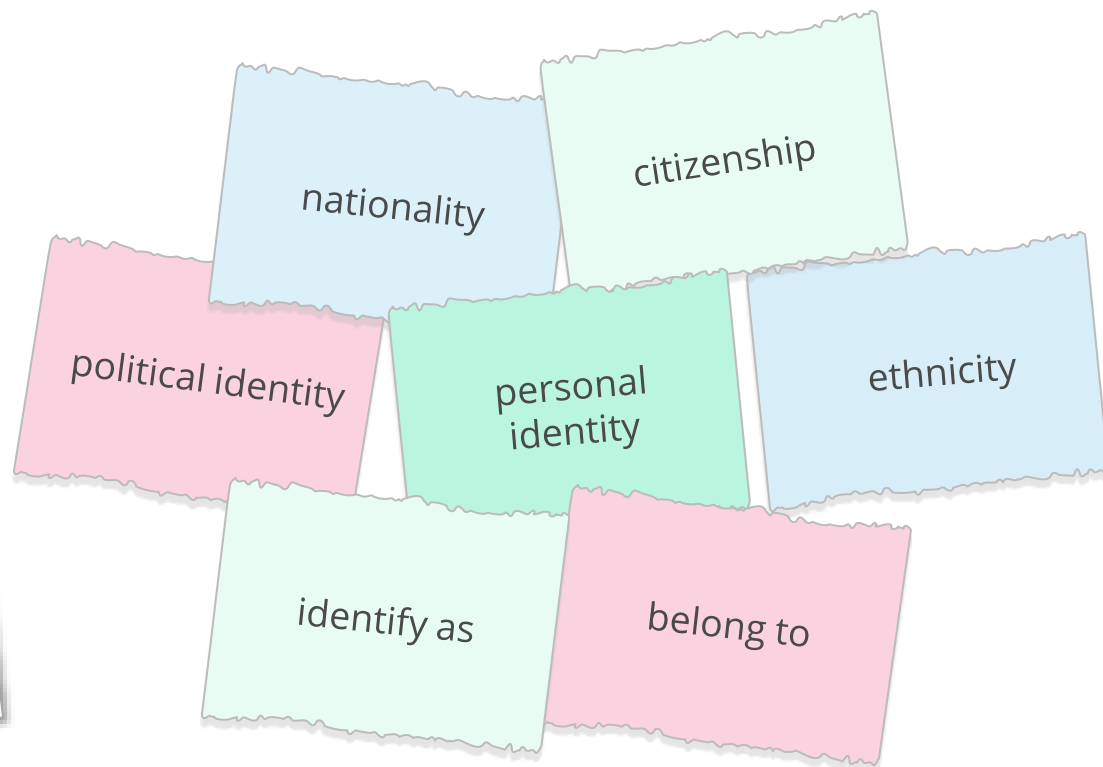
Political identity

Personal identity



Speaking

Describe yourself to your partner. Which of these things would you talk about at work and which not?



collective identity

A **collective identity** is the idea of **belonging** to a **group**.



We have a **collective identity**.



New words

religion

I belong to the Christian
religion.



language

My first **language** is
French.



culture

American **culture** is
everywhere.



history

heritage

History is **events** which happened in the **past**.
Heritage is the **traditions** and **culture** created in the **past** which are still important to a group.



This building is an important part of our cultural **heritage**.



New words

political views

People don't usually talk about their **political views** at work.



lifestyle

I have an alternative **lifestyle**.





Which aspect of collective identity do these pictures show?

A



B



C



D





Match the statements to the collective identity

1. I speak English and Arabic.



Political views

2. I am a bit of a hippie.



Religion

3. I am a Democrat.



Language

4. People in the UK have enjoyed tea for many years.



Lifestyle

5. I am from a Muslim family.



Heritage



Speaking

**Imagine you are meeting a new colleague.
How would you describe your collective identity?**





New words

dialect

The UK has many different **dialects** with different words and grammar.



accent

Accent is the way different people pronounce words.





New words

monolingual

A person who is **monolingual** speaks one language.



bilingual

A person who is **bilingual** speaks two languages fluently.



multilingual

A person who is **multilingual** speaks several languages.





Speaking

Answer these questions about languages with a partner.



1

How many languages do you speak?

2

Is it common in your country to be monolingual, bilingual or multilingual?

3

Is there a connection between language and identity?



Speaking

What are the advantages of being **bilingual** or **multilingual** in business nowadays?





Speaking

Does your country have different dialects?

Do you prefer British or American accents?

Do you think it's important to learn words from different regional UK dialects?

Which UK accent do you think is hardest to understand? What about the easiest?



Santiago

I was born in Portugal to a Portuguese mother and a British father. I have Portuguese and British **nationality**. I am also **bilingual** – I speak Portuguese and English fluently. I **identify as** LGBTQ and I have liberal **political views**. Because I grew up in Portugal, my **collective identity** is more similar to other Portuguese people. I am Catholic and I love the **culture, heritage** and **food** of Portugal. I live a more Portuguese **lifestyle** too – I eat dinner quite late and my family is very important to me.





Writing

Answer these questions related to the text.

What is Santiago's nationality?

What is Santiago's personal identity?

Is Santiago's collective identity similar to yours?

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Speaking

Describe these people. How do you think they identify?

Nationality/
citizenship



Bob



Emily

Personal
identity

Collective
identity



Arjun



Paris

Religion



Game



Describe one of your classmates. The other classmates have to guess who you are talking about.

If you are in a one-to-one class, describe your teacher.

Here are some samples of language to make the discussion easier.

He is bilingual.

He has Canadian citizenship.

He is a Democrat.

He really loves the heritage of his country.



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

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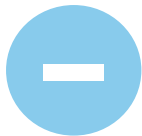
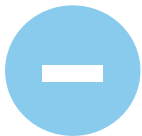
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Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



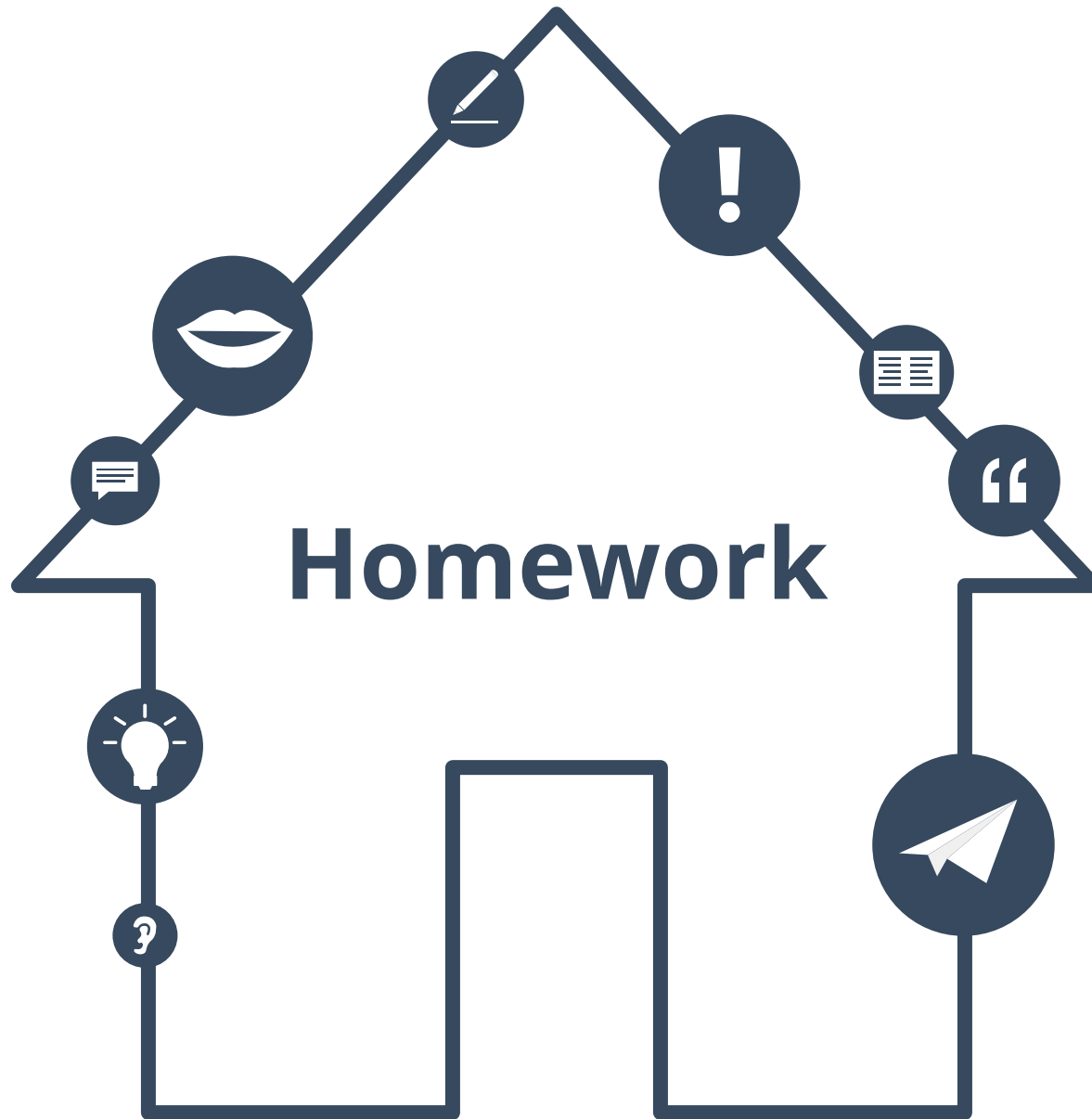
If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 18

1. language, 2. lifestyle, 3. political views, 4. heritage, 5. religion





Fill in the gaps

I was born in the UK so I have British
_____. I moved to the US a few
years ago and now I have American
_____ too. I love British
_____; the history and heritage,
traditions and the people. I do not have a
_____, I identify as atheist. My
_____ is black.

ethnicity

religion

nationality

culture

citizenship



Writing

Write a paragraph to describe yourself. Imagine you are writing to a colleague at your new job.

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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 33

nationality, citizenship, culture, religion, ethnicity



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