

# Raising cultural awareness

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## Goals

- Can identify and describe the concepts of multiculturalism and interculturalism.
- Can talk in simple terms about traditions and social customs.





A **multicultural** city has people from all over the world living there. These people often have different **customs** and **traditions**, maybe different ethnicities and languages.



## Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to learn how to talk about **multiculturalism** in large cities.



We should have **respect** and **tolerance** for other cultures.



Do you know these words?

multiculturalism

interculturalism

diversity

melting pot

respect

tolerance

acceptance



equality

## multiculturalism

## interculturalism

**Multiculturalism** is about **many cultures** living in the **same place** and being equally important.

**Interculturalism** is about the **communication** between different **cultures** living in the **same place**.



Berlin celebrates **multiculturalism** with the Carnival of Cultures.



London promotes **interculturalism**.

## diversity

**Diversity** is about lots of different people being included in society.



London is famous for its **diversity**.



## New words

**melting pot**

London is a **melting pot** of many different cultures.

**respect**

We should have **respect** for different cultures.

**tolerance**

There is a lot of **tolerance** for alternative lifestyles in big cities.

**integration**

**Integration** is mixing different cultures together.

**equality**

Racial **equality** is the law in most countries.





## Definitions

Can you remember what these words mean?

diversity

melting pot

tolerance

integration



## Speaking

What is the difference between multiculturalism and interculturalism?



multiculturalism

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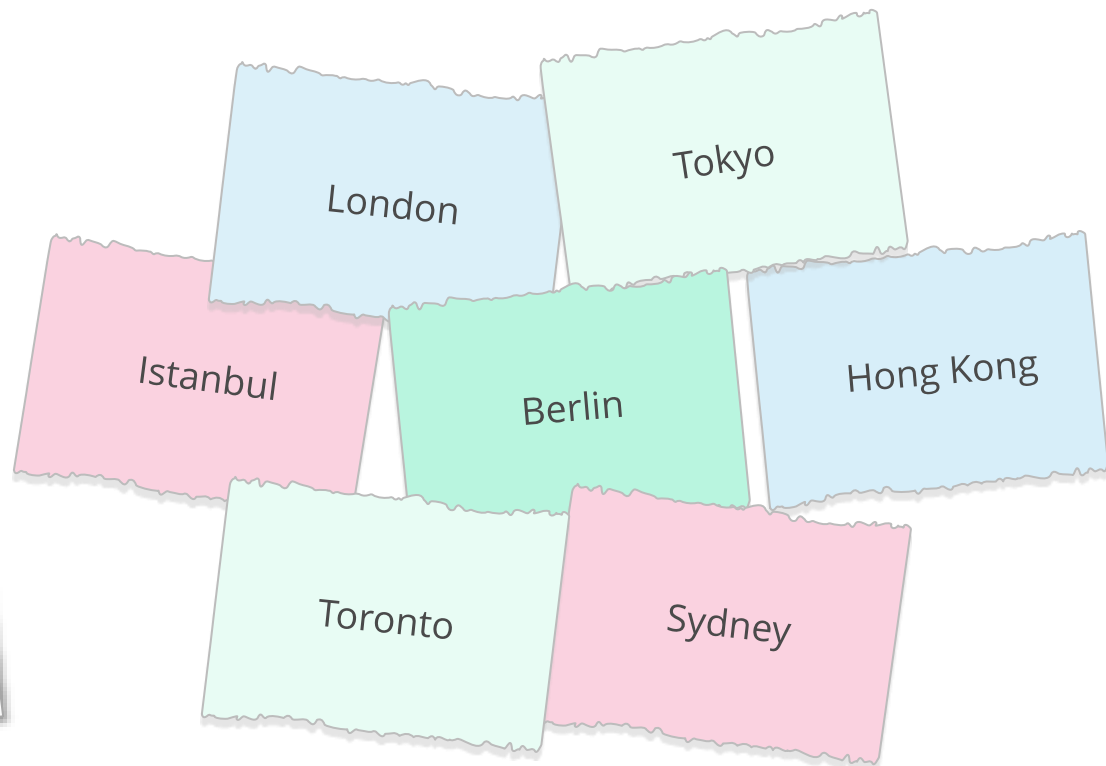


interculturalism



## Big cities

What connects these cities?





## Big cities

Have you visited any of the cities on the previous page? Tell your classmates about one of them.



Is it a  
multicultural  
city?

Is it an  
intercultural city?

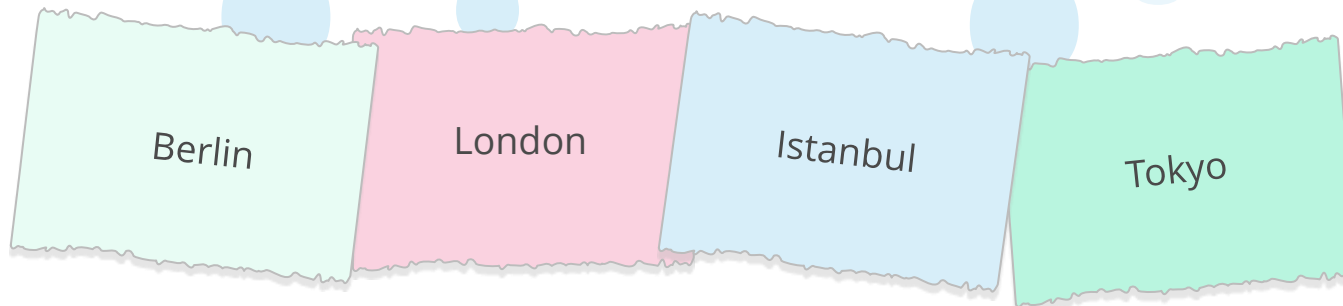
Which  
nationalities live  
there?

How big is the  
city?



## Melting pot

**What does it mean  
for a city to be a  
melting pot? Can  
you give some  
examples?**





## Multicultural workplaces

Answer these questions with a partner.



How multicultural  
is your workplace?

Do you think there  
is equality in your  
workplace?

customs

traditions

**Customs** and **traditions** are **beliefs** or **ways of behaving** which have a long **history** in a certain place.



You should learn something about a country's **customs** and **traditions** before you travel there.

## habits

**Habits** are things that people **do regularly**.



People of different nationalities often have different **habits**.





## Vocabulary in context



It is a **custom** in Turkey to kiss people on both cheeks when you meet.

Bonenkai – office parties – are a Japanese Christmas **tradition**.



A British **habit** is talking about the weather with strangers.



Are the pictures showing customs, habits or traditions?  
Which country do you think each one is from?

A



B



C



D





**What is important  
to learn about if  
you are going to  
work in a  
multicultural city?**

customs and  
traditions

*habits*

languages

ethnicity

political views

## intercultural competence

**Intercultural competence** is about having the skills to **communicate** with people from many **different cultures**.



**Intercultural competence** is very important in business.

humour

directness

**Humour** is about finding something **funny**.  
**Directness** means that you say or do something in an **honest** way.



Different nationalities often have different senses of **humour**.



Germans like **directness** in business.



## New words

eye contact

In some cultures, it is rude to hold direct **eye contact**.



titles

It is important to know what **title** to use with someone: do you call them Sir, Mr Jones, or just Ben?



eating

It is good to know something about a country's **eating** habits before you visit.





# Intercultural competence

**Answer these questions with your classmates.**



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Would you like to work in a big multicultural city?

2

How important would intercultural competence be?

3

Do you think you have good intercultural competence?



## Intercultural competence

Travelling can improve  
**intercultural competence.**  
In what other ways can you  
improve it?







Do any of these facts surprise you? Would you be comfortable with these habits?

British **humour** is self-deprecating. This means that Brits laugh at themselves.

In Japan, it is not polite to make **eye contact** with someone. You should look at their neck.

In German companies, you should use the **title** Mr and Mrs with your boss.

It is good to talk about food and **eating** with your Turkish colleagues – especially about Turkish food!



## Your city

Imagine a new colleague is starting work with you. What do you think it would be important to tell them about your city and your country?

- Is it multicultural?
- Is it intercultural and is equality important?
- What customs and habits do people have?





## 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.

yes

no



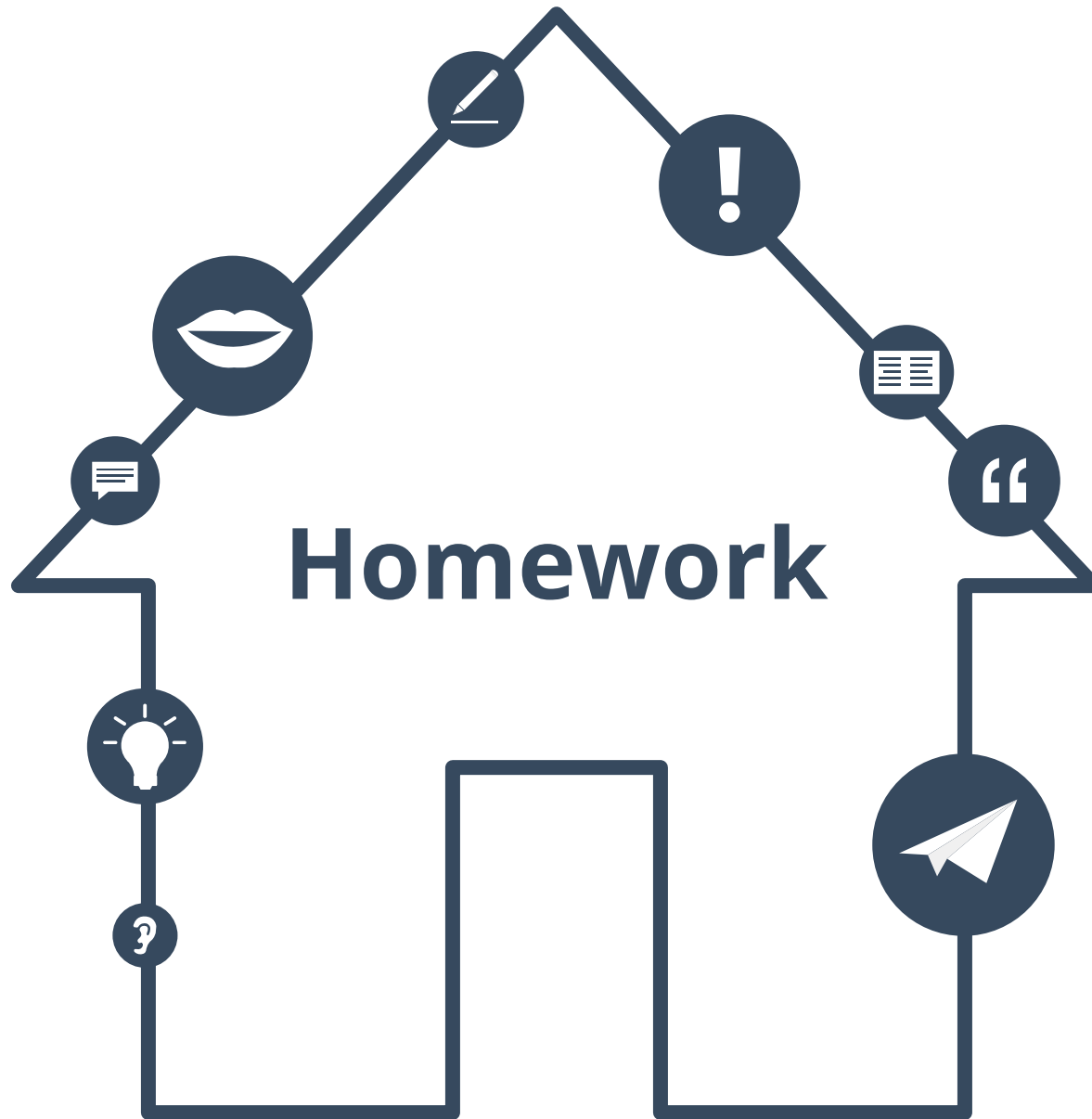


## Reflect on this lesson

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





## Fill in the gaps

London is a very \_\_\_\_\_ city. There are people living there from all over the world. It is also an \_\_\_\_\_ city – people from all different places live and mix together. It is important to be \_\_\_\_\_ if you live in London. London promotes lots of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from different places – there are big celebrations for Chinese New Year, Eid and Diwali, as well as Christmas.

**tolerant**

**traditions**

**multicultural**

**customs**

**intercultural**



## Writing

**Write a text about your city. Talk about how multicultural or intercultural it is.**

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## Homework answer key

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multicultural, intercultural, tolerant, customs/traditions





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