

# A conversation about intercultural differences

SPEAKING

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Intermediate

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## Goals

- Can talk in simple terms about intercultural differences.
- Can engage in conversation about cultural awareness and the value of people.





**Interculturalism** is one step forward from **multiculturalism**. It is about celebrating **diversity** and promoting **intercultural communication**.



## Preview and warm-up

In this lesson you are going to practise **talking** about **intercultural differences** and the **value of people**.



We celebrate **intercultural differences**.



## Pronunciation

**become**



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**become**

**week**



## Pronunciation

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## Pronunciation

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## Pronunciation

become

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Practise pronouncing the **k sound** with your teacher.



## Practise pronouncing these words

coat

focus

school

occasion

bake

ask

kitchen

black

key



## Vocabulary review

human capital

skills

competencies

interculturalism

respect

diversity

ethnicity

citizenship





## Sentences



**Human capital** is one of the most important things any business has.

Diverse people have many different **skills** and **competencies**.



**Interculturalism** is about promoting understanding and respect between cultures.



## Sentences



We need to **respect** people's differences.

**Diversity** is a positive thing for a business.



Most international companies have people of many **ethnicities** working there.

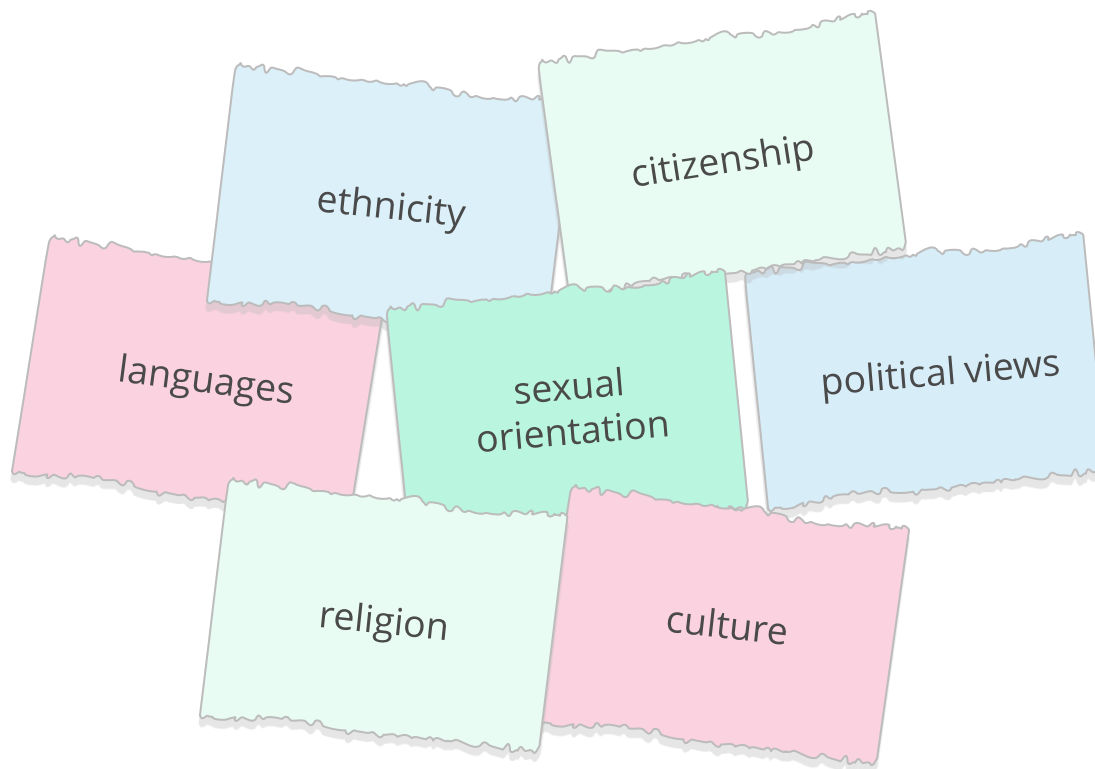
People can have **citizenship** of many different countries.





# Identity

**Talk about how these different things affect people's identity.**





## Identity in your country

**What is the most important thing for people's identity in your country? Do you think it's the same in every country?**







## Brainstorm

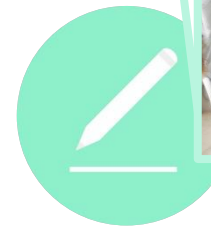
**What comes to your mind when you hear the words multiculturalism and interculturalism?**





## Advantages

## Disadvantages





## Toronto

**Listen to your teacher talking about Toronto. Why are these numbers mentioned?**

2005

200

10

160



## Promoting interculturalism

How would you promote **interculturalism** in a city like **Toronto**? What **problems** might there be in this city?





## Discuss these statements related to human capital and interculturalism in business

**Intercultural communication** is one of the most important **skills** in business

Knowledge of other cultures creates **tolerance** in the workplace

People who have good **language skills** are very valuable

People who are exposed to different viewpoints can think in more **creative** ways



## Prepare for a debate

**You are going to have a debate with your classmates about the pros and cons of multiculturalism and interculturalism in business.**

- Break into 2 groups and make some notes on the pros or the cons of interculturalism.





## Debate

**Debate the pros and cons of a multicultural workplace.**



**Student A:**  
**You think multiculturalism and interculturalism is a benefit to the workplace.**



**Student B:**  
**You think multiculturalism and interculturalism is a disadvantage to the workplace.**



## 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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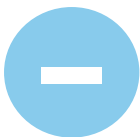






## Reflect on this lesson

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



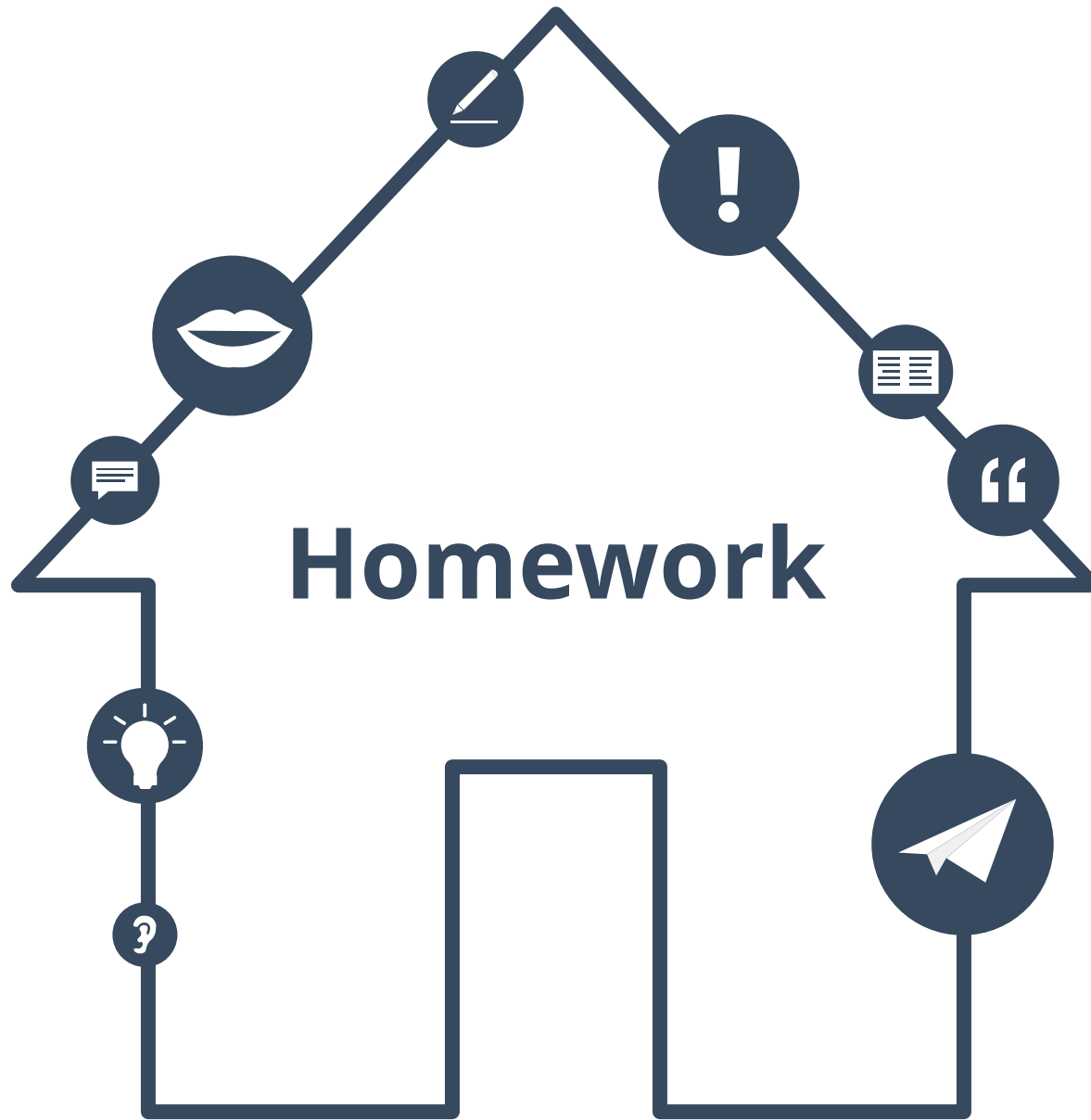
If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Transcription

Exercise p. 19

Toronto is one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Half of its population was born outside of Canada and there are over 200 ethnic groups. People in Toronto also speak over 160 different languages. 10% of people in Toronto have Chinese origins. There are lots of different neighbourhoods in Toronto: some are Chinatown, Little India, Koreatown and Little Portugal. Same-sex marriage has been legal in Canada since 2005. The motto of Toronto is “Diversity our Strength”.





## Fill in the gaps

1. People in multicultural societies often have \_\_\_\_\_ in two countries.
2. There are over 200 \_\_\_\_\_ in Toronto.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a very positive thing for workplaces.
4. People with good language \_\_\_\_\_ are positive for businesses.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is about promoting understanding and respect between cultures.

**interculturalis  
m**

**ethnicities**

**citizenship**

**diversity**

**skills**



## Writing

**Write a text about why multiculturalism and interculturalism are positive or negative for a company.**

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## Homework answer key

### **Exercise p. 28**

1. citizenship, 2. ethnicities, 3. diversity, 4. skills, 5. interculturalism



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