

4 Cultural Coexistence

How do Indian and British cultures coexist?



1 Being Anglo-Indian ?

- A. Listen to Nikhil talk about being bicultural on **MP3 n°12**. Take notes about his origins, family and opinion on his culture.
- B. According to him, is it a good thing to be bicultural?
- C. Look at the cartoon. What does it say about second generation Indians?
- D. **Have your say.** Do you share Nikhil's point of view on biculturalism?
- E. **Go further.** Can you embrace different cultures without losing your heritage?



HELP!

Nouns

- dignity
- pride: *fierté*
- scorn: *dédain*

Verbs & expressions

- be proud of sth
- have mixed feelings : *être partagé(e)*
- show contempt for: *mépriser*
- stigmatise

2 How do some Indians feel about the Brits ?

Listen to the testimony on **MP3 n°** and focus on the reasons given by Kusuma for loving or hating the Brits.

3 Beyond the label

- A. Look at the photo. What can you guess about her (job, personality...)?
- B. Read the text and explain the term BME and her opinion about it. Do you agree? Why (not)?



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London: a prominent British Indian MP in the UK Parliament has rejected labels¹ attached with black, minority and ethnic population, calling them "patronising² and insulting".

- 5 Conservative party MP, who was the first Indian-origin member of the UK Cabinet until she resigned last year, said that she made it clear to her political colleagues and civil servants³ that she does not like the term Black Minority Ethnic (BME). 'I don't like the labelling of people. I don't like the term BME. I'm British first and
- 10 foremost because I was born in Britain," she was quoted as saying by BBC. "I challenge all my colleagues in the Conservative Party and in Westminster: Don't label me as a BME. I've said that to people in the Cabinet. I've said that to civil servants. I think it's patronising and insulting," she said.
- The 45-year-old former international development minister said the term was
- 15 "totally unhelpful because we are people and everybody wants to be recognised for their individual merits".
- The MP who represents Witham in Essex also expressed doubts over whether the UK could one day have a minority ethnic incumbency⁴ in 10 Downing Street.

1 *étiquettes* • 2 *domineering* • 3 *fonctionnaires* • 4 *fonction*