The face of the UK

The UK is a multicultural society with people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ almost every country in the world. In fact, 9% of people originate from other countries. This multiculturalism isn’t new to the UK, but the 1950s, in particular, saw a period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mass immigration from countries that were once part of the British Empire: India, Pakistan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parts of Africa and the Caribbean. These people created \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ own communities, especially in the larger cities. Today, a lot of the UK’s most famous citizens are their children and grandchildren. For example, Formula 1 Champion Lewis Hamilton’s father is from the Caribbean.

With the expansion of the European Union, more people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (move) around Europe, and many are coming to the UK, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ newer member countries such \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Romania, Poland and the Czech Republic. Some want to work and save money, others want \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ improve their English, and others come for the experience of living in a different country.

London is the heart \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ multicultural Britain. There are communities from more than 90 countries in London, and they speak over 300 languages – more than in any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ city in the world. Every year, the city has festivals which celebrate different cultures. In August the Notting Hill Carnival \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) Caribbean culture. It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (big) street festival in Europe, and up to 2.000.000 people attend. In January or February the Chinese celebrate their new year, and in April the Bangladeshis celebrate Bengali New Year. Finally, if you’re adventurous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ food, London is great as you can find every kind of cuisine there. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (popular) restaurants are Indian, Chinese and Italian, but there are lots of others, including Thai, Vietnamese, Greek, Moroccan, French… and of course, traditional British!

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