

The World We Live In: Countries and Nationalities

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(Credit: [Seasider53](#))

Let's build our vocabulary as we talk about countries and nationalities around the world!

I. Where Are You From?

Valuable Vocabulary (read aloud, cite the number of any word you don't know, and follow links for definitions):

1. country

2. nation

3. surprise



(Credit: [Andy Morffew](#))

When introducing ourselves, we can use the name of a country (or nation) to say where we are from. For example, if someone asks, "Where are you from?", an American can answer with, "I'm from the United States."

1. Where are you from? What country are you in right now?

2. You can ask your tutor where they are from. Did their answer surprise you?

II. What's Your Nationality?

Valuable Vocabulary (read aloud, cite the number of any word you don't know, and follow links for definitions):

1. adjective

2. identity

3. Irish



(Credit: [George McFinnigan](#))

We use adjectives to say what nationality we are. For example: "I'm from Germany. I'm German."

1. What's your nationality? What's your tutor's nationality?

2. Americans sometimes use two words to describe their identity (e.g., "Irish American"). Why is this?

III. CIA vs. UN

Valuable Vocabulary (read aloud, cite the number of any word you don't know, and follow links for definitions):

1. CIA

2. Earth
3. United Nations

4. vs.



(Credit: [Basil D Soufi](#))

According to the [CIA](#), there are 262 countries on Earth. According to the [United Nations](#), there are only 195.

1. Why do you think there's a difference? Is your country on the [UN list](#)?

2. Name as many countries on the CIA list as you can in two minutes. What are their nationality adjectives?

IV. Global Talent

Valuable Vocabulary (read aloud, cite the number of any word you don't know, and follow links for definitions):

1. artist
2. athlete

3. audience
4. author

5. global
6. talented



(Credit: [John Phelan](#))

Think of your favorite actor, athlete or singer. You can also think of your favorite author or artist.

1. Where are they from (say "He/she is from ____.")? What nationality are they (say "He/she is ____.")?
2. Many talented people have a global audience. Is the person you named not from your country?

V. What is the United Nations?

Valuable Vocabulary (read aloud, cite the number of any word you don't know, and follow links for definitions):

1. establishment

2. organ
3. singular

4. target

The United Nations doesn't just list [member states](#) on its website. Do you know what else it does?

Let's watch this video that explains what the United Nations is!



1. What “one main target” led to the establishment of the United Nations? What is its most powerful organ?

2. You might’ve noticed that “United Nations” is referred to in the singular with “is.” [Why is this so?](#)

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