

# 4 Countries, nationalities and languages

## A Who speaks what where?

<i>Country</i>	<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Language</i>
Germany	German	German
France	French	French
Italy	Italian	Italian
Spain	Spanish	Spanish
Britain	British	English
Portugal	Portuguese	Portuguese
Japan	Japanese	Japanese
Korea	Korean	Korean
China	Chinese	Mandarin (also Cantonese)
Thailand	Thai	Thai
Australia	Australian	English
The United States of America	American	English
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian	Arabic
Brazil	Brazilian	Portuguese
Sweden	Swedish	Swedish
Switzerland	Swiss	Swiss-German, French, Italian
Egypt	Egyptian	Arabic
Holland	Dutch	Dutch
Mexico	Mexican	Spanish
Russia	Russian	Russian
Israel	Israeli	Hebrew
Greece	Greek	Greek
Turkey	Turkish	Turkish
Argentina	Argentinian	Spanish

## B The people

When you are talking about people in general from a particular country, there are some nationalities that you can make plural with an 's', but others can only be formed with the definite article (and no plural 's'):

Brazilians	The British
Germans	The French
(The) Italians are (usually very ...)	The Swiss are (usually very ...)
Russians	The Dutch
Israelis	The Japanese

*Note:*

- With both groups you can also use the word 'people': British people, German people, etc.
- When you talk about one person from these countries, you need to add woman/man/person to the group on the right: a Brazilian but a Japanese person; a German but a Swiss person, etc.

## Exercises

### 41.1 Answer these questions without looking at the opposite page.

- 1 Write down three countries where the first language is English.
- 2 What language is spoken in Brazil?
- 3 What are people from Holland called?
- 4 Write down three languages spoken in Switzerland.
- 5 What language is spoken in Saudi Arabia?
- 6 What nationality are people from Sweden?
- 7 What language is spoken in Mexico?
- 8 What are people from Egypt called?
- 9 What is the first language in Israel?
- 10 Where do people speak Mandarin?

### 41.2 Mark the main stress on the words in the box, and practise saying them.

Japan	Japanese	Brazilian	Egyptian	Arabic	Italian
Austria	Australia	Chinese	Portuguese	Saudi Arabia	

What do you notice about the stress on words ending *-ia*, *-ian*, and *-ese*?

### 41.3 Complete these sentences with the name of the people from the country on the right.

*Examples:* I've worked a lot with *Germans*.....  
I've spent a lot of time with *the French*....

- 1 We do a lot of business with .....
- 2 ..... are usually hard-working.
- 3 I have always found ..... very friendly.
- 4 People often say that ..... are reserved.
- 5 ..... are very organised.
- 6 I met a lot of ..... on my trip to Athens.

Germany
France
Japan
Israel
Brazil
Britain
Switzerland
Greece

### 41.4 Complete these sentences.

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Bangkok is the capital of .....      | 6 Riyadh is the capital of .....    |
| 2 Buenos Aires is the capital of ..... | 7 Athens is the capital of .....    |
| 3 Ankara is the capital of .....       | 8 Tel Aviv is the capital of .....  |
| 4 Seoul is the capital of .....        | 9 Stockholm is the capital of ..... |
| 5 Cairo is the capital of .....        | 10 Lisbon is the capital of .....   |

### 41.5 Can you identify these languages?

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <i>Здравствуйте</i> | 4 <i>今日は</i>      | 7 <i>goede dag</i> | 10 <i>Bonjour</i> |
| 2 <i>안녕하세요</i>        | 5 <i>Feia boa</i> | 8 <i>Hola</i>      | 11 <i>Hej!</i>    |
| 3 <i>Giao</i>         | 6 <i>你好嗎</i>      | 9 <i>Grüezi</i>    |                   |

### 41.6 Have you met someone from each of the countries on the opposite page? Go through the list and tick the ones you have.