Countries, nationalities and languages

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

INTERMEDIATE | B1-B2

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Complete the table with the nationality adjective and language.

Country	Nationality adjective	Main language
Brazil	1 _____	2 _____
China	3 _____	4 _____
Denmark	5 _____	6 _____
Greece	7 _____	8 _____
Japan	9 _____	10 _____
Poland	11 _____	12 _____
Switzerland	13 _____	more than one
Turkey	14 _____	15 _____

2 Correct the nationality mistake in each sentence.

1 My neighbour is a **Dutch** from Rotterdam. _____

2 A **Swedish** won the cycling race. _____

3 The **Japanian** delegation arrived this morning. _____

4 Two **Frenchs** are staying at our hotel. _____

5 She is an **Ireland** writer. _____

6 The **Spain** team reached the final. _____

7 A **Swissian** scientist led the project. _____

8 The restaurant serves **Greece** food. _____

3 Match the places with their world regions.

1 Norway	____	a the Caribbean
2 Morocco	____	b East Asia
3 Costa Rica	____	c South America
4 South Korea	____	d Scandinavia
5 Jordan	____	e the Pacific
6 Jamaica	____	f North Africa
7 Chile	____	g Central America
8 New Zealand	____	h the Middle East

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4 Complete the exchange-student blog with words from the box.

bilingual | dialect | first language | multilingual | native speakers | official language | region | second language | the UK | Welsh

I am spending a term in Cardiff, in **1** _____. English is the main language I hear, but **2** _____ is also an **3** _____ in Wales. My host family is **4** _____: they use both languages every day. English is my **5** _____, while Slovene is my **6** _____. Some people in this **7** _____ speak a local **8** _____. The university is very **9** _____, with students from many countries, so I often talk to English **10** _____.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

Languages in Singapore

Singapore has four official languages: English, Malay, Mandarin Chinese and Tamil. English is widely used in education, business and public administration, while Malay is the national language. Many residents grow up using one language at home and another at school. It is therefore common for people to be bilingual or multilingual. The city also has informal varieties of speech, including Singlish, which mixes English with words and structures from other local languages. In formal situations, however, speakers generally use standard English.

1 How many official languages does Singapore have? _____

2 Where is English widely used? _____

3 Which language is the national language? _____

4 Why are many residents bilingual or multilingual? _____

5 What is Singlish? _____

6 Which variety is generally used in formal situations? _____

6 Choose the correct form.

1 The *Netherlands / Netherlands* is in Europe.

2 We travelled through *the Central America / Central America*.

3 She is *Arabic / an Arab* from Jordan.

4 They interviewed a *French / French woman* from Lyon.

5 The conference included several *Japanese / Japaneses* speakers.

6 He is a *multilingual / multicultural* speaker of four languages.

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** profile of a multilingual country or city. Include its region, nationalities, official or common languages and one interesting fact about language use.

[ ] Use at least eight target expressions. [ ] Distinguish country, nationality and language accurately.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Country, nationality and language

1 **Brazilian** 2 **Portuguese** 3 **Chinese** 4 **Chinese** 5 **Danish** 6 **Danish** 7 **Greek** 8 **Greek** 9 **Japanese** 10 **Japanese** 11 **Polish** 12 **Polish** 13 **Swiss** 14 **Turkish** 15 **Turkish**

2 Correct the nationality mistakes

1 **Dutch person/man/woman** 2 **Swede** 3 **Japanese** 4 **French people** 5 **Irish** 6 **Spanish** 7 **Swiss** 8 **Greek**

3 World regions

1 **d** 2 **f** 3 **g** 4 **b** 5 **h** 6 **a** 7 **c** 8 **e**

4 Exchange-student blog

1 **the UK** 2 **Welsh** 3 **official language** 4 **bilingual** 5 **second language** 6 **first language** 7 **region** 8 **dialect** 9 **multilingual** 10 **native speakers**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 Four.
2 In education, business and public administration.
3 Malay.
4 They often use one language at home and another at school.
5 An informal variety mixing English with features of other local languages.
6 Standard English.

6 Choose the correct form

1 **the Netherlands** 2 **Central America** 3 **an Arab** 4 **French woman** 5 **Japanese** 6 **multilingual**

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check accurate terminology and coherent organisation.