Word on the Street
Multicultural Britain

Discussion

• Have you ever visited or lived somewhere with a different culture?
• How multicultural is the place where you live?
• Is there more immigration to or emigration from your country?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Match the words at the top with the descriptions below.

immigrants / settled / refugees / multicultural / overseas / cultures

___________ Includes people with different beliefs and customs
___________ Abroad; from distant countries
___________ People who come to a new country to live there
___________ People who leave their country because it is not safe to stay there
___________ Collections of beliefs, customs and shared stories

___________ Comfortable in a situation; no desire to move

Activity 2

Select the correct answers for the following questions.

1. Where did the first wave of refugees come from?
   a) India
   b) Somalia
   c) Jamaica

2. What doesn’t Avinda like about his son’s appearance?
   a) His clothes
   b) His hairstyle
   c) His beard

3. What does Sunny like about living in a multicultural society?
   a) You can hear different types of music.
   b) You can eat different types of food.
   c) You can wear different styles of clothes.

4. St Mary’s school took part in the ‘Open Cities’ project. What does the project aim to do?
   a) The project aims to take photographs of immigrants.
   b) The project aims to help immigrants find jobs.
   c) The project aims to help immigrants become part of the
community.

5. Why did the photographer take Mercy’s picture in front of a window?
   a) The window represents the past.
   b) The window represents their hopes for the future.
   c) The window represents their concerns about the present.
Answers

Activity 1
multicultural  Includes people with different beliefs and customs
overseas     Abroad; from distant countries
immigrants  People who come to a new country to live there
refugees    People who leave their country because it is not safe to stay there
cultures    Collections of beliefs, customs and shared stories
settled      Comfortable in a situation; no desire to move

Activity 2
  1.  c) Jamaica
  2.  b) His hairstyle
  3.  b) You can eat different types of food.
  4.  c) The project aims to help immigrants become part of the community.
  5.  b) The window represents their hopes for the future.