

International English

Ex.1. INTRODUCTION

Answer the questions below:

1. Why do people learn English?
2. How is learning English different from learning another foreign language?
3. What different types of English can you think of?
4. What is 'international English'?
5. What English would you like to speak?

Ex.2. VOCABULARY

Look at the words below. Which ones do you know? Check in the dictionary the meaning of the words you do not know. How/why are they used in the workshop?

thong, togs, trunks, rubbish, trash, chips, crisps, fries, candy, sweets, sidewalk, pavement, suspenders, braces, pom, drongo, arvo, laddie, lassie, wee

Ex.3. WRITING

Write one sentence about the countries below and be ready to read it to your partner or the group. Show what you know about the countries.

Australia, Singapore, Scotland, USA, Jamaica

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Ex.4. READING

Read the sentences below and decide if they refer to Singapore or Jamaica.

1. Its official languages are Malay, Mandarin, Tamil and English.
2. It is a global commerce, financial and transportation hub.
3. 90% of its citizens own their homes, and the country has one of the highest per capita incomes.
4. It is an island country situated in the Caribbean Sea.
5. Previously inhabited by the indigenous Arawak and Taíno peoples, the island came under Spanish rule following the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1494.
6. Kingston is the country's capital and largest city, with a population of 937,700.
7. It is a Commonwealth realm, with Queen Elizabeth II as its monarch and head of state.
8. Its population is 2.8 million people.
9. You drive on the left there.
10. Often referred to as the *Lion City*, the *Garden City*, and the *Red Dot*, it is a leading global city-state and island country in Southeast Asia.
11. The nation's core principles are meritocracy, multiculturalism and secularism.
12. This is where Bob Marley, the most famous reggae artist is from.

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Teacher's Notes

You may use the attached material before the workshop to pre-teach vocabulary, as well as after the workshop as revision and follow up.

After students have done Ex.3. you may encourage them to share in pairs what they know about the five countries.

Ex.4. Answer key:

1. Its official languages are Malay, Mandarin, Tamil and English. (Singapore)
2. It is a global commerce, financial and transportation hub. (Singapore)
3. 90% of its citizens own their homes, and the country has one of the highest per capita incomes. (Singapore)
4. It is an island country situated in the Caribbean Sea. (Jamaica)
5. Previously inhabited by the indigenous Arawak and Taíno peoples, the island came under Spanish rule following the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1494. (Jamaica)
6. Kingston is the country's capital and largest city, with a population of 937,700. (Jamaica)
7. It is a Commonwealth realm, with Queen Elizabeth II as its monarch and head of state. (Jamaica)
8. Its population is 2.8 million people. (Jamaica)
9. You drive on the left there. (Jamaica, Singapore)
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More at:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jamaica>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore>

As follow up you may encourage students to do their own research and write five facts about any other country where English is spoken (Hong Kong, Malta, Nigeria, Canada etc).

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