

LONDON

The world in one city

Reading

? Start thinking

What do you know about London? Read the title of the article. What do you think that the article says about London?

- 1 T1.11 Listen and read. Check your answers to Start thinking. How many languages are mentioned in the text?

London is a very cosmopolitan city. In its population of nearly 8 million there are people from almost every nation, culture and religion in the world. In fact, 30 per cent of London's population come from outside the UK. That's about 2 million people from 179 different countries. Jacek and Ashaki are two of those people...

Jacek

I'm originally from Poland. Now we live in the UK and I go to secondary school in North London. On the school website it says that there are 600 students here and 25 nationalities. People mix OK and race doesn't matter. There are classes in French, German, Spanish and Mandarin. Mandarin is really popular and my sister studies it with Mr Wei. He comes from Beijing. People say that Mandarin is the language of the future. I don't know - it doesn't use the same alphabet as English or Polish so it's pretty difficult to read and write!



- 2 True or false? Write T or F. Correct the false sentences.

- 1 The population of London is about two million.
- 2 There aren't people in London from every country.
- 3 Jacek doesn't study Mandarin.
- 4 Mr Wei teaches Jacek's sister.
- 5 There's an Indian restaurant in Ashaki's street.
- 6 Ashaki doesn't like her friend's music or food.

Build your vocabulary plural forms

- 3 Find the plural form of these words in the text. Which of the plurals is irregular?

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| 1 class | 4 nationality |
| 2 country | 5 person |
| 3 family | 6 student |

- 4 Write the plural form of the words. Then check your answers in the Glossary on pp.233-240.

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| 1 man | 5 child |
| 2 woman | 6 brother |
| 3 school | 7 page |
| 4 bus | 8 potato |



Ashaki

In the part of London where I live there are families from a lot of different countries.

30 There's a Polish shop, an Indian restaurant and a Chinese supermarket in the main street near my house. My family's from West Africa and my best friend's from a Turkish family. She lives five minutes from us and she goes to my school. She plays Turkish music when I'm at her house and I try her Turkish food. It's cool. She sometimes tries our food too. I like the fact that there are different cultures and races in London - you learn about lots of really interesting new things.

Talk about it

5 In pairs. Ask and answer the questions. T

- 1 What's the population of your town?
- 2 Are there people from other countries where you live?
- 3 What language classes are there at your school?
- 4 Have you got any friends from other countries?
- 5 Are you interested in music, food or films from other countries?

Fast finishers

What are different countries famous for? Write about people, sports, events and places.

> The USA is famous for baseball.

Grammar

Present simple: positive and negative (he, she, it)

6 Study the examples and find more examples in the text. Then complete the rules with *don't*, *doesn't* and *base form*.

She **lives** five minutes from us.
Race **doesn't matter**.

Rules

- + *he/she/it* + ¹ _____ + *-s, -es* or *-y → -ies*
- *he/she/it* + ² _____ + *base form*
- We ³ _____ add *-s* to the base form.

► Grammar Bank pp.100-101

7 Write the 3rd person singular form of each verb.

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|---------|--------|-----------|
| 1 use | 6 know | 11 matter |
| 2 go | 7 come | 12 live |
| 3 write | 8 play | 13 like |
| 4 try | 9 say | 14 learn |
| 5 study | 10 mix | 15 read |

8 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Jon *don't uses/doesn't use* a dictionary.
- 2 He *doesn't/don't* speak French.
- 3 She *studys/studies* in London.
- 4 My teacher *doesn't understands/doesn't understand* German.
- 5 They *don't likes/don't like* grammar.
- 6 Sara *not knows/doesn't know* that word.
- 7 Jacek *goes/don't go* to school on Fridays.
- 8 He *watch/watches* football at weekends.

9 Complete the text with the Present simple.

Mandarin classes

I really ¹ _____ (like) my Mandarin classes, but it isn't an easy language. In Mandarin there are more than 80,000 characters, but Chinese people ² _____ (not use) a lot of them. They normally ³ _____ (read) and ⁴ _____ (write) between 2,000 and 3,000 characters, and I ⁵ _____ (know) 150!

Our teacher ⁶ _____ (not speak) English in class. He only ⁷ _____ (speak) Mandarin. In class we ⁸ _____ (practise) grammar and pronunciation. I ⁹ _____ (not like) grammar, but I ¹⁰ _____ (know) that it's important. Mr Wei ¹¹ _____ (write) a sentence in Mandarin and we ¹² _____ (copy) the characters for homework. That's fun!

10 Write about one of your classes but don't write the name of the subject. Then, in pairs, read your description and ask your partner to guess which subject you're talking about.

