

1. A test of citizenship?

This week's lesson focuses on recent discussions in Britain about the criteria immigrants should fulfil in order to be granted full British citizenship.

Level

Intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Ask your students what they understand by the word 'citizen'. Do they think that there are certain kinds of knowledge, ideas or values that most or all of the citizens of their country share? If so, how important do they think it is for immigrants to share those things also? Do they think immigrants in general should fit in with the way of life in the countries they have moved to?

2. Give each student in the class a copy of Worksheet A and give them five to ten minutes to read through it, encouraging them to look up new vocabulary. Note that some of the words that might be new are not in the glossary because they form part of Exercise 1.

3. Hand out Worksheet B, divide the students into pairs and ask them to do Exercise 1, in which they have to match the words from the text on Worksheet A with the definitions.

4. Check answers in open class.

5. Hand out Worksheet C and ask the students to work together to do Exercise 2, in which they have to complete a crossword.

6. Check answers in open class.

Answers:

Exercise 1

1. F 2. G 3. J 4. I 5. D 6. M 7. B 8. L 9. N 10. E 11. H 12. K
13. A 14. C

Exercise 2

1. book 2. government 3. written 4. active 5. immigrants 6. values
7. ethnic 8. own 9. speak 10. facts 11. citizenship

If the sentences have been completed correctly, *Britishness* will read from top to bottom.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/7254926.stm

A BBC article (January 2009) on new government proposals regarding the criteria immigrants to the UK from non-European Union countries would need to fulfil in order to be granted full citizenship. Challenging for intermediate level.

http://www.lifeintheuktest.gov.uk/htmlsite/self_10.html

A page on the British Home Office website from which example questions can be accessed as a means of preparing for the 'Life in the UK' test, which immigrants to the UK from non-European Union countries need to pass as one of the steps towards attaining full citizenship. Accessible to intermediate level.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/telegraph-view/3618632/Ten-core-values-of-the-British-identity.html>

The British newspaper *The Daily Telegraph* suggests 'tens core values of the British identity' in July 2005, when the subject of shared values was receiving a lot of attention in the wake of terrorist attacks in London. Challenging for intermediate level.