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A. Choose the correct geopolitical word in A, B or C to complete each of these sentences. 1. Japan, Korea and the Philippines are all in the \_\_\_\_\_ C. Far East A. Near East B. Middle East 2. The South Pole is situated in the \_\_\_\_\_ B. Antarctic A. Arctic C. Antarctica 3. New Zealand is part of \_\_\_\_\_\_. A. Australia B. Australasia C. Austria 4. Bangladesh is part of \_\_\_\_\_ C. Indiana A. the Indian subcontinent B. India 5. Nicaragua is a country in \_\_\_\_ B. South America C. Central America A. North America 6. Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Panama and Honduras all form part of C. South America A. Latin America B. Spanish America 7. Apartheid was abolished in \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 1990s. A. southern Africa B. North Africa C. South Africa 8. The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland form a group of islands known as A. Great Britain B. England C. the British Isles. 9. The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland form part of \_\_\_\_\_ A. Continental Europe B. Mainland Europe C. Europe 10. Kuwait, Oman and the United Arab Emirates form part of what is known

Don't forget to keep a record of the words and expressions that you have learnt, review your notes from time to time and try to use new vocabulary items whenever possible.

B. the Gulf States

B. the Caribbean

11. Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark are known collectively as \_\_\_\_\_\_

A. the West Indies

A. the Baltic Republics

C. the European Union

C. Scandinavia

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B. Change each country / area below into the nationality and / or language spoken of the people who come from that place (for example: Britain = British). Write each word in the appropriate space in the table. Be careful, because usually we add or remove letters to / from the name of the country before we add the ending.

Greece • Portugal • Ireland • Belgium • Finland • England
Wales • Scotland • Holland • Lebanon • Malaysia • Norway
Sweden • Thailand • Peru • Bangladesh • Israel • Japan
Iran • Burma • America • Canada • Spain • Turkey
Switzerland • Saudi Arabia • Denmark • Iraq • Australia • Malta
Kuwait • Russia • Yemen • Philippines • Poland

-ese	-(i)an	-ish	-i	-ic	Others
(e.g., China = Chinese)	(e.g., Brazil = Brazilian)	(e.g., Britain = British)	(e.g., Pakistan = Pakistani)	(e.g., Iceland = Icelandic)	(e.g., France = French)

## C. A quick quiz. Answer these questions.

- 1. What do we call a variety of language spoken in a particular area? Is it an accent, a dialect or an idiom?
- 2. What is your mother tongue?
- 3. What do we call a person who is able to speak (a) two languages and (b) three or more languages fluently?
- 4. With regard to your country, what is (a) the name of the continent in which it is located, (b) the main language spoken and (c) the nationality of the people?

## Size, quantity & dimension

A. Look at the following list and decide whether we are talking about something big (in terms of size, quantity or dimension) or something small.

1. a	a <i>minute</i> amount of dust	14. a <i>giant</i> building		
2. 8	a <i>minuscule</i> piece of cloth	15. a <i>gargantuan</i> meal		
3. a	an <b>enormous</b> book			
4. 8	a <i>mammoth</i> job	 17. a <i>broad</i> river		
5. a	a <i>huge</i> waste of time	18. a <i>tall</i> man		
6. 6	a <i>vast</i> room			
	a <i>gigantic</i> wave	19. a <i>high</i> mountain		
	a <i>tiny</i> car	20. a <i>deep</i> lake		
	a <i>monumental</i> error	21. a <i>shallow</i> pool		
	a <i>colossal</i> statue	22 a <b>long-distance</b> journey		
11.	plenty of food	23. a <i>vast</i> crowd of supporters		
12. <i>dozens</i> of times		24. <i>tons</i> of work		
13.	a <i>narrow</i> alleyway	25. a <i>great deal of</i> time		
	Now complete these sentences using an one answer is possible.	one of the expressions above. In some cases, more		
1.	Before you embark on	Before you embark on, it is essential that you are well-prepared.		
2.	We spent working on the plans for the new library.			
3.	I've told you not to smoke in here.			
4.	must have blown into the camera and scratched the film.			
5.	Villages along the coast were destroyed v swept houses into the sea.	when caused by the earthquake		
6.	It was going th	going there; he didn't even turn up.		
7.	One of the Roman emperor Nero's greathimself in the city centre.	atest excesses was to build of		