

C. Scandinavia

For reference, see the *Easier English Dictionary for Students* (978 0 7475 6624 3)

Around the world

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

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| 1. a <i>minute</i> amount of dust _____ | 14. a <i>giant</i> building _____ |
| 2. a <i>minuscule</i> piece of cloth _____ | 15. a <i>gargantuan</i> meal _____ |
| 3. an <i>enormous</i> book _____ | 16. a <i>wide</i> avenue _____ |
| 4. a <i>mammoth</i> job _____ | 17. a <i>broad</i> river _____ |
| 5. a <i>huge</i> waste of time _____ | 18. a <i>tall</i> man _____ |
| 6. a <i>vast</i> room _____ | 19. a <i>high</i> mountain _____ |
| 7. a <i>gigantic</i> wave _____ | 20. a <i>deep</i> lake _____ |
| 8. a <i>tiny</i> car _____ | 21. a <i>shallow</i> pool _____ |
| 9. a <i>monumental</i> error _____ | 22. a <i>long-distance</i> journey _____ |
| 10. a <i>colossal</i> statue _____ | 23. a <i>vast</i> crowd of supporters _____ |
| 11. <i>plenty</i> of food _____ | 24. <i>tons</i> of work _____ |
| 12. <i>dozens</i> of times _____ | 25. a <i>great deal of</i> time _____ |
| 13. a <i>narrow</i> alleyway _____ | |

B. Now complete these sentences using one of the expressions above. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

- Before you embark on _____, it is essential that you are well-prepared.
- We spent _____ working on the plans for the new library.
- I've told you _____ not to smoke in here.
- _____ must have blown into the camera and scratched the film.
- Villages along the coast were destroyed when _____ caused by the earthquake swept houses into the sea.
- It was _____ going there; he didn't even turn up.
- One of the Roman emperor Nero's greatest excesses was to build _____ of himself in the city centre.