

Welcome

About me

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- ✦ Profession: University Teacher
- ✦ A little personal information...
 - ✦ When? Why? Where? How? What?
- ✦ Nationality: British (Welsh)

What are your impressions of the UK?

- ✦ Weather
- ✦ People
- ✦ History
- ✦ Tourism
- ✦ Food
- ✦ Culture




How much do you know about the UK?

- ✦ 4 constituent countries
- ✦ The Queen has no real power
- ✦ The second most common language is Punjabi

Culture

✦ 2013 – Multi-cultural



■ Bangladeshi
■ Black African
■ Black Caribbean
■ Chinese
■ Indian
■ Mixed
■ Other
■ Other Black
■ Other South Asian
■ Other white
■ Pakistani
■ White British
■ White Irish

Why does the UK have such a diverse culture?

✦ It's all in the history!



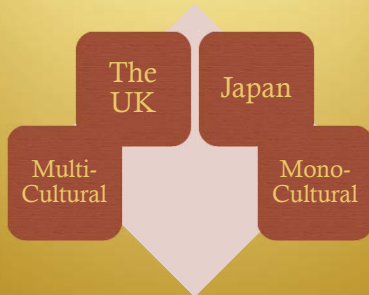
British Olympic Gold Medalists



Is a cup of tea *really* British?



Multi-Cultural & Mono-Cultural



- According to The CIA World Factbook, 98.5% of the population in Japan is categorized as Japanese.

Discussion

Discuss in groups the Benefits and Disadvantages of Multi-Cultural Vs. Mono-Cultural Societies

Britain and the Environment

Worst winter for decades: Record-breaking snow predicted for November
 - Express Newspaper

Apocalyptic weather to batter UK - expect relentless rainstorms and terrifying winds
 - Express Online (October 2013)

First the floods... then a 90mph storm! Britain battered by bad weather with 20 rivers at risk of bursting their banks
 - Mail Online (October 2013)

Sharing the Weather



What do you know about Climate change?

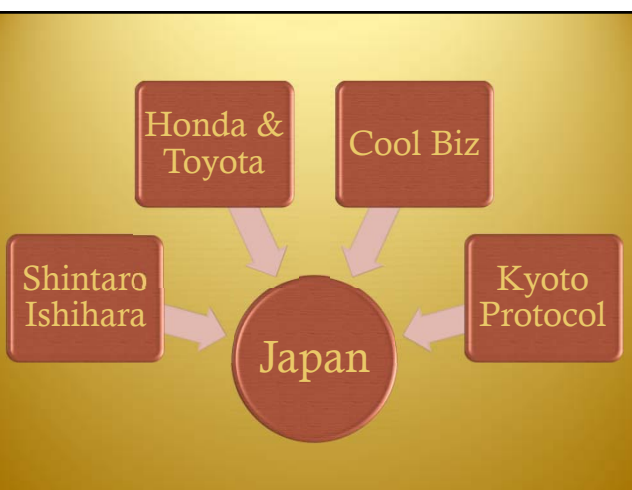
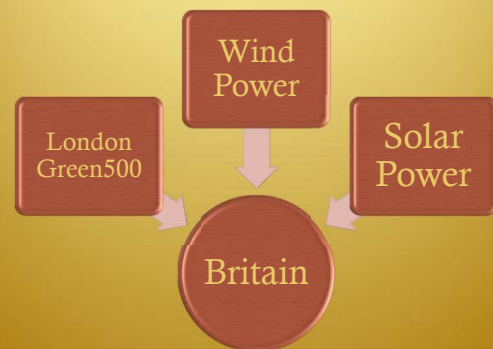
Climate Change

- ✦ Years of emissions released from the Earth's surface has degraded the effect of the O-Zone layer.
- ✦ These are some possible results of this degradation:
 - ✦ More extreme droughts, fires, storms and floods
 - ✦ Shifts in agricultural zones
 - ✦ Rising sea levels
 - ✦ A reduction in water supplies

Is it a real problem?

Take a minute and talk with those around you about the change in environmental conditions recently. Think of some examples.

What are Britain and Japan doing about this?



Discussion

Emissions are a big cause of Climate Change throughout the world. In groups decide on new ways to help reduce emissions produced in Japan.

Thoughts on Japan...

Customs and Taboos

Britain

Shake hands when greeting.

Use first names with familiar people.

Crossing your knife and fork is OK.

The number 13 is very unlucky.

It is customary to leave a small tip (around 10%) to the waiter after a meal.

Japan

Bow when greeting.

Use family names.

Crossing your chopsticks is bad!

The numbers 4 & 9 are unlucky.

No need to tip after a meal.

Discussion

Are customs changing in Japan?