



UNIT 1B · GENERAL A1

Where are you from?

Class Book and Workbook · one complete unit

By the end you will...

- Say your country and your nationality
- Ask questions with the verb be: 'Are you...?', 'Where is she from?'
- Make negative sentences: 'I'm not...', 'He isn't...'
- Give short answers: 'Yes, I am.' / 'No, I'm not.'
- Spell your name and say your email

Warm-up · Countries in the room

Answer with short sentences.

- Where are you from? Say the city and the country.
- Name three countries in English.
- Are you from a big country or a small country?

1. Lead-in · Country or nationality?

Put the words in the correct group.

- Brazil
- Japan
- Italy
- Spain
- Brazilian
- Japanese
- Italian
- Spanish

Say your sentence in two ways: 'I'm from Brazil.' and 'I'm Brazilian.'

2. Reading · A new class online

Hello, everyone! Welcome to the online class. Please write your name and your country in the chat.

Maria: Hi! I'm Maria. I'm from Madrid, in Spain. I'm Spanish. I'm not a beginner — this is my second course.

Ken: Hello. I'm Ken. I'm Japanese, from Tokyo, but I'm in Brazil now. My English isn't perfect, but it's OK.

Lucía: Hi! I'm Lucía. I'm from Argentina. I'm a teacher, but I'm not an English teacher — I'm a maths teacher!

Comprehension

Where is Maria from?

Where is Ken now?

What does Lucía teach?

2b. True or false?

Read again and choose.

Maria is a beginner.

Ken says his English is perfect.

Lucía is a teacher.

2c. Talk about the texts

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Is this your first English course? Say a full sentence.

Answer key: Model: No, it isn't my first course. It's my second course.

- Is your English perfect? Be honest!

Answer key: Model: No, my English isn't perfect, but it's OK for my job.

Cities With People From Many Countries

Source: Apex English · graded news-style report · Original text written for Apex English (A1 graded reader)

A short report about international cities.

In some cities, people come from many different countries. London, Toronto and Dubai are three examples. In these cities, you can hear ten or twenty languages in one street.

Ana is Portuguese. She is a nurse in London. 'My friends are British, Italian, Polish and Nigerian,' she says. 'At work, we speak English together.'

For many people, English is not their first language. It is the language they use with other people. Ana says, 'My English is not perfect, but it is enough.'

1. READ FOR GIST

- What kind of cities does the text describe?

Answer key: Big cities with people from many countries.

- Which language do Ana and her friends use at work?

Answer key: English.

2. READ FOR DETAIL

- Where is Ana from and where does she live?

Answer key: She is from Portugal and she lives in London.

- What is her job?

Answer key: She is a nurse.

- How does Ana feel about her English?

Answer key: It is not perfect, but it is enough.

3. GLOSSARY

language

English, Portuguese, Japanese... what people speak

first language

the language you speak at home from a child

enough

not perfect, but good for the situation

4. DISCUSS IN PAIRS

- Are there people from other countries in your city or your job?
- When do you use English in your life?

3. Vocabulary · Countries, nationalities and the alphabet

SET A

Brazil Brazilian

country nationality

Portugal Portuguese

country nationality

Japan Japanese

country nationality

Italy Italian

country nationality

Spain Spanish

country nationality

the United States American

country nationality

SET B

How do you spell that?

ask for the letters

It's A-N-A.

give the letters one by one

at / dot

for emails: ana@apex.com = ana at apex dot com

I'm from..., but I live in...

your country is not your home now

Practice

Complete with the nationality.

- She's from Brazil. She's Brazilian.
- He's from Japan. He's Japanese.
- They're from Italy. They're Italian.
- I'm from Spain. I'm Spanish.
- We're from Portugal. We're Portuguese.

3b. Odd one out

Which word is different?

Brazil · Japan · Italian · Spain

Brazilian · Spanish · Japanese · Portugal

4. Grammar · be: questions, negatives and short answers

Questions: be + person

Are you Brazilian? · Is she a teacher? · Where are you from?

Negatives: be + not

I'm not from Lisbon. · He isn't a doctor. · They aren't late.

Short answers

Are you Italian? — Yes, I am. / No, I'm not. (We do not say 'Yes, I'm'.)

Wh- questions

Where are you from? · What's your name? · How old is he? · Who is she?

4a. Make questions

Write the question.

- you / from Brazil?
Answer key: Are you from Brazil?
- she / a teacher?
Answer key: Is she a teacher?
- where / he / from?
Answer key: Where is he from? / Where's he from?
- they / Italian?
Answer key: Are they Italian?
- how old / you?
Answer key: How old are you?

4b. Negatives

Make the sentence negative. Use short forms.

- I'm from Lisbon.
Answer key: I'm not from Lisbon.
- He's a doctor.
Answer key: He isn't a doctor.
- They're late.
Answer key: They aren't late.
- It's a big city.
Answer key: It isn't a big city.
- We're beginners.
Answer key: We aren't beginners.

4c. Short answers

Answer with a short answer.

- Are you Brazilian? (yes)
Answer key: Yes, I am.
- Is she Japanese? (no)
Answer key: No, she isn't.
- Are they students? (yes)
Answer key: Yes, they are.

- Is it your first class? (no)

Answer key: No, it isn't.

Look at the picture and use the grammar you just studied

Look at the picture. Write 3–4 sentences. Who are they? Where are they from? Are they happy?

5. Listening · First day in the online class

Three students say hello in an online class. Listen for the country, the city and one negative sentence.

Two voices — no narrator introduction.

Before you listen

- What do you write in the chat on day one?
- Do you say your city or only your country?

First listen — gist

- How many students speak?

Answer key: Three students.

- Is it the first class?

Answer key: Yes, it's the first class.

Second listen — detail

- Where is Maria from?

Answer key: Madrid, in Spain.

- Where is Ken now?

Answer key: In São Paulo, Brazil.

- What is Lucía's job?

Answer key: She's a maths teacher, not an English teacher.

5b. Listen and complete

Complete with ONE word.

- I'm ___ Madrid, in Spain.

Answer key: from

- My English ___ perfect, but it's OK.

Answer key: isn't

- ___ you a beginner? — No, I'm not.

Answer key: Are

6. Speaking · Ask and answer

Work in pairs. Use questions with be and give short answers.

- New classmate

A: Ask three questions: name, country, job.

B: Answer, and say one negative sentence about you.

- Spelling

A: Ask: 'How do you spell your name?'

B: Spell your name and your email.

6b. Talk together

Ask your partner. Use full sentences.

- Are you from a big city?
- Is your English perfect?
- Where is your family from?
- Is this your first English course?

6c. Role-play · Are you...?

Student A has a secret nationality. Student B asks yes/no questions with be.

- Guess the country
Student A: You are Italian. Answer only 'Yes, I am.' or 'No, I'm not.'
Student B: Ask: 'Are you Spanish? Are you Italian?' Guess in five questions.

7. Writing · Your first message in the class chat

Write 40–60 words for the class chat. Say your name, your country and city, your job, and ONE negative sentence ('I'm not...'). Finish with one question for the class.

WORKBOOK · HOME PRACTICE

Unit 1B Workbook

Do this after class. Answers are marked for your teacher.

1. Vocabulary gap-fill

Complete each sentence with ONE word from the box.

- She's from Brazil, so she's Brazilian.
- Ken is from Tokyo. He's Japanese.
- Maria is from Madrid. She's Spanish.
- Japan is a country in Asia.
- How do you spell your name?
- It's my first course. I'm a beginner.
- I'm from Porto, but I live in Lisbon.

2. be — questions and negatives

Complete with the correct form of be (am / is / are / isn't / aren't / 'm not).

- ___ you Brazilian?
Answer key: Are
- She ___ a doctor — she's a nurse.
Answer key: isn't
- Where ___ he from?
Answer key: is
- I ___ from Lisbon. I'm from Porto.
Answer key: 'm not
- They ___ late. The class starts at seven.
Answer key: aren't
- ___ it your first class?
Answer key: Is
- How old ___ your brother?
Answer key: is

3. Country or nationality?

Read the word and choose.

Italy

Japanese

Spain

Portuguese

American

Brazil

4. Find and fix the mistake

Each sentence has ONE mistake. Write it correctly.

- Are you Italian? Yes, I'm.
Answer key: Are you Italian? Yes, I am.
- Where you are from?
Answer key: Where are you from?

- She no is a teacher.
Answer key: She isn't a teacher.
- I'm from Japanese.
Answer key: I'm from Japan. / I'm Japanese.
- They not are beginners.
Answer key: They aren't beginners.
- Is she from Spain? No, she isn't from Spain, she from Italy.
Answer key: No, she isn't from Spain. She's from Italy.

5. Join the two sentences

Join the ideas with and / but.

- I'm Brazilian. I live in Portugal.
Answer key: I'm Brazilian, but I live in Portugal.
- She's a teacher. She's a student here.
Answer key: She's a teacher, but she's a student here.
- Ken is Japanese. He's in Brazil now.
Answer key: Ken is Japanese, but he's in Brazil now.
- I'm from Madrid. My family is from Madrid too.
Answer key: I'm from Madrid and my family is from Madrid too.

6. Listening · Three students in the chat

Three students say hello in an online class. Listen for the country, the city and one negative sentence.

- Speaker 1: country and city?
Answer key: Spain — Madrid. She says she isn't a beginner.
- Speaker 2: nationality and country now?
Answer key: He's Japanese, from Tokyo, but he's in Brazil now.
- Speaker 3: job — and what is she NOT?
Answer key: She's a teacher, but she isn't an English teacher. She teaches maths.

7. Writing · Your message in the class chat

Write 40-60 words for the class chat. Say your name, your country and city, your job, and ONE negative sentence with 'not'. Finish with one question for the class.

8. Reflection

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Which nationality words are difficult to say? Write three.
Answer key: Model: 'Portuguese', 'Japanese' and 'Dutch' are difficult for me.
- Do you say 'I'm from Brazil' or 'I'm Brazilian' more often? Why?
Answer key: Model: I usually say 'I'm from Brazil' because people then ask me about my city.