

# WHAT ARE THE BRITISH REALLY LIKE?

LET'S DISCUSS NATIONAL STEREOTYPES



**I live in the past**



**I don't care what  
people think**



**I'm a different person  
when the sun's out**



**I'm not bothered  
about a bit of dust**



**I never refuse a drink**



**I don't speak a  
foreign language**



**I'm lost without my dog**



**I wouldn't live  
anywhere else!**

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# OUR TOPIC

# STEREOTYP



# OBJECTIVES

**develop cross-cultural awareness  
and understanding**

**practice language skills**

**practice collaborative skills**



# WHAT IS A STEREOTYPE?



# AMERICANS

**Everyone has a right to a university degree in \_\_\_\_\_, even if it's in Hamburger Technology**

**The only things that \_\_\_\_\_ has given to the world are skyscrapers, jazz, and cocktails.**



# THE BRITISH

-----eat bland food

It's so fantastic that they are able to look at themselves with self-irony. I think this is exceptional. They write books and make movies that tell a negative picture about them and they show it.

-----are limited. They don't try new things.

They seem so cold in general.

- -----was the first country with a constitution, I think. So there is a real democratic tradition in -----.

The really crazy people all come from

-----.

# **RUSSIANS**

**-----consider themselves as a well educated nation.**

**Their general knowledge is very good: they know a little bit about virtually everything.**

**Having your own business in -----is a big challenge.**

**-----are of some the most reckless, but at the same time skillful, drivers, and the most careless pedestrians in the world.**

**-----are used to a situation where everything is unpredictable and unstable. They live in a society where anything can happen**





# Brits abroad

ROOMS/ZIMMER

I can't understand this  
- it's all in FOREIGN!

This weather's  
too hot  
for me!

Well, take your  
pullover off,  
then!

What's this? We  
can't eat THIS!  
Haven't you got any  
PIE and CHIPS?

I'll tell you one  
thing - you can't get  
a decent CUP of TEA  
in this place!

Why don't they do  
something about  
these flies - they're  
everywhere!

Too right! I can't  
wait to get back  
HOME!

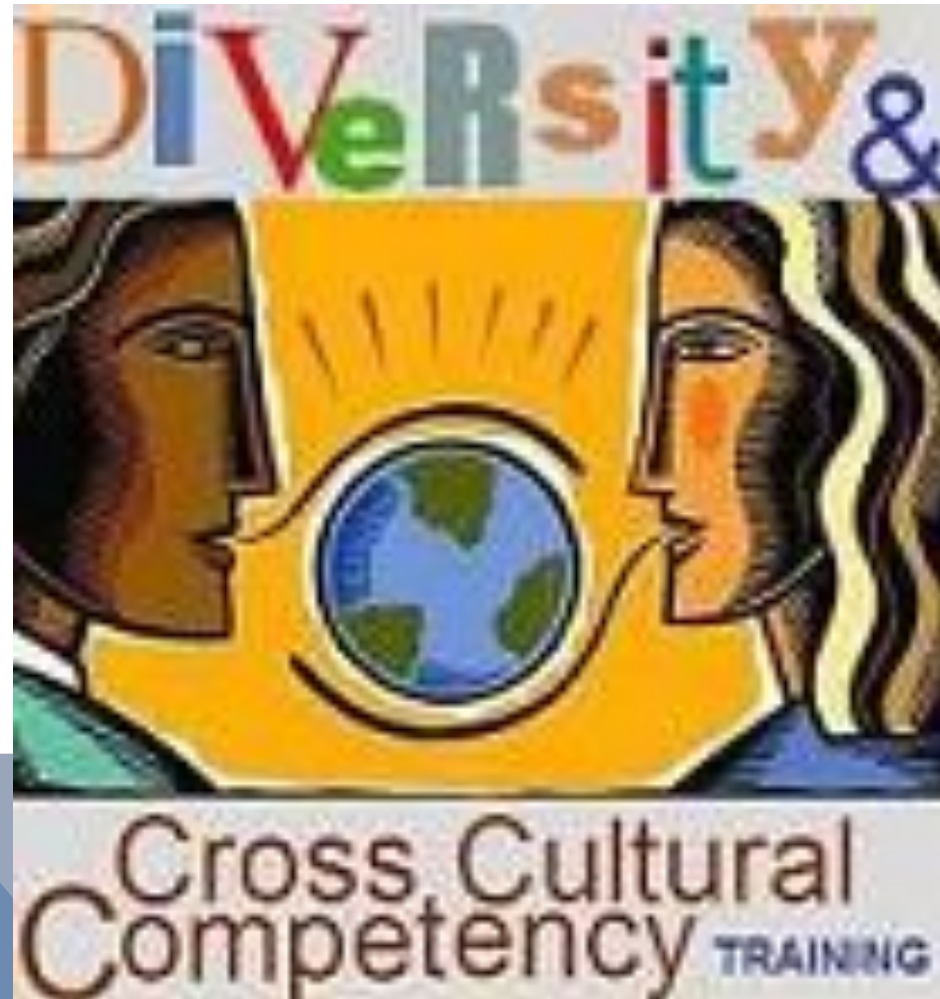
It feels so weird not  
knowing what's happened to  
Sharon in *Celebrity Scoundrels*!

Ere, do you  
know the  
TEST SCORE?

Tsk, tsk! Look at  
these poor pussy cats -  
how *TWIM* they are!

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# CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION



# DO YOU AGREE THAT...

**National stereotypes are dangerous because they may provoke racial prejudice.**

**Stereotypes contain a certain amount of truth.**

**There is no such thing as national character and therefore the idea of national stereotypes is rubbish.**

**The reason stereotypes exist is because people are afraid of diversity, change, and what is unknown. They prefer to cling to simple classifications, which maintain an old, familiar and established order.**

**Stereotypes are simply harmless sorts of jokes we tell about other nationalities or groups of people.**

# **FOLLOW UP**

**WHICH SITUATION WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT TO SOLVE?**

**IS IT IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE CROSS-CULTURAL SITUATIONS? WHY?**

**APART FROM PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE HAS IT GOT ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANCE?**

**WHICH GROUP WAS THE MOST CREATIVE?**



# OUR LESSON IS OVER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME