

**Start**

0. Hi, my name's Marek and I'm going to talk to you briefly about stereotypes.

1. a There are many stereotypes that people in other countries they have of British people. b. For example foreigners [foreners] think that all Brits are heavy drinkers. They think that British food is rubbish and they think that it is always raining. (Well I think the last point is true!)

2. I think that people in Britain are different in many ways. For example people's accents differ around the UK. A person from Liverpool has a very different accent from someone in London. But in terms of general culture I think people are quite similar throughout Britain.

3. a I think that the stereotypes that foreign people have about Britain are true in some ways. b/c. Drinking alcohol is a big part of British culture but I think that it's unfortunately the same everywhere in the world. a/b. I think that foreigners think that we are very polite. Even excessively polite. c. I am not don't agree. I like the fact that we are so polite. It's good manners



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# SET 1 CANDIDATE A

## MONOLOGUE

- Read the title of the topic and the suggestions.
- Choose **one or more** ideas to include in your monologue. You **can add ideas of your own**.
- Talk about the topic for **3 to 3:30** minutes

## 1 STEREOTYPES

- Are there any typical characteristics which you think describe the people from your country? Which ones?
- Are people from different areas of your country similar / different in any way?
- a Do foreign people have any stereotypes about people from your country? Which ones? c Do you think they are right? b
- a What are the stereotypical ideas you have about people from other countries (United Kingdom, USA, France, Italy, China...)? b Are they realistic?
- Think about this sentence and comment on it: "People from different countries are not very different from each other" a Do you agree with it? Why? b Why not

4. a In terms of stereotypes that I have about Americans I would say that a lot of them are overweight and they all love American football, baseball or basketball.

Almost all the Italians that I have ever met loved Italian food and avoided eating anything else.

In France I think they love croissants and ...hmm I can't think of anything else for the French.

Spanish people? I think about Tapas, Sangria and beaches when I think about Spain. And a celebration that they have in Valencia called Fallas. I really **don't like it** because it is very noisy.

b. I wouldn't say I'm being unrealistic in terms of the U.S. and obesity. I think it's quite a big problem there.

And in terms of the other countries, I think that every country in europe loves its own food and thinks it's the best.