



Cultural diversity

Lesson code: XXXX-XXXX

UPPER INTERMEDIATE +

1 Warm-up

What do you know about Manchester?

2 Key words

Read the sentences below and match the underlined words to their definitions:

1. I'm in the mood for something spicy. I fancy an Indian meal.
 2. Many people are able to converse in more than one language.
 3. The new report will downplay the seriousness of global warming.
 4. George knows how to cook. His culinary skills are excellent.
 5. China has a vast population.
 6. She sent her son to a private school because of its prestige.
- a. feel like
 - b. make something appear less important than it really is
 - c. related to cooking
 - d. respect and admiration that someone or something gets for being successful or important
 - e. talk
 - f. very large

3 Find the information

Read the article on the next page and find out the following information:

1. the number of different languages spoken in Manchester
2. the population of Manchester
3. the number of young people who are able to speak more than one language
4. the growth in Manchester's population between 2001 and 2011
5. Manchester's most widely spoken non-English language
6. the number of children who arrive in Manchester every year




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Manchester's cultural diversity

Manchester revealed as most linguistically diverse city in western Europe

Adapted from The Independent, 13 August 2013

- 1 Manchester's Curry Mile has long enjoyed a reputation as a place to get a decent Indian meal. It is not bad if you fancy Lebanese, Palestinian, Turkish or Persian cuisine either. There is even a fish and chip shop. Yet this culinary diversity is just the outward sign of an even richer and largely unrecognised culture.
- 2 "At this moment, there could be 60 or 70 different languages spoken here on this street, explains, Professor Yaron Matras, who leads the Multilingual Manchester project, the largest of its kind in the world.
- 3 According to the study's findings - which will be revealed this week - there are up to 200 languages spoken in the city at any one time. Given its population size of 480,000, this makes it possibly the most linguistically diverse urban area in the world.
- 4 It is now estimated that half of the city's adult population is multilingual, and four in 10 young people are able to converse in more than one language. The figure of 200 languages is far higher than previous estimates.
- 5 Professor Matras speaks 10 languages fluently, and he can get by in seven others. He believes the diversity provides a vast economic and educational opportunity.
- 6 Jobs asking for local candidates with knowledge of Arabic, Cantonese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Panjabi have all been advertised on the internet recently, the research showed. And the good news for supporters of Britain's multi-cultural experiment is that this vast linguistic resource is almost entirely self-supporting and self-funded, according to the researchers.
- 7 One cause of the phenomenal explosion in languages is that Manchester's population grew at 19 per cent between 2001 and 2011 - compared to an average national growth rate of seven per cent. The Pakistani community is the fastest growing in the city, followed by ethnic Africans.
- 8 Manchester's most widely spoken non-English language remains Urdu, a product of immigration from the Indian sub-continent which dates back to the 1950s. But other languages are catching up. Arabic, Cantonese, Polish, Bengali and Somali are all widely spoken but there are many others in everyday use. And each year the diversity is continuing to grow as 1,500 children of school age arrive in the city.
- 9 Meanwhile, official figures downplay the variety of the linguistic groups. Researcher Deepthi Gopal said that for many people, the language they claim to be their main language is down to prestige or other factors.
- 10 "In the UK, 86 per cent of people born in Nigeria say that English is their main language but logically a lot of them must speak languages other than English which are significant in their lives."
- 11 Manchester, along with Paris, London and New York, offers a vision of a globalised multilingual future. The lessons from the world's first industrial city, which has been welcoming immigrants since the 19th century, is surprising for those who assumed integration would see languages disappear in two generations.



4 Checking understanding

Put T (True) or F (False) next to each of the following statements:

1. Manchester is the most linguistically dense and diverse urban area in the world.
2. Manchester's linguistic diversity is financially supported.
3. African's are the largest growing ethnic community in Manchester.
4. Urdu is the only foreign language which is widely spoken.
5. There could be more than 200 languages spoken.
6. It is likely that Nigerians speak other languages than they declare.
7. People assumed that other languages would disappear within two generations.

5 Find the word

Find a word or phrase in the text that means:

1. full of variety (*adjective, subtitle*) _____
2. good (*adjective, P1*) _____
3. results (*plural noun, P3*) _____
4. know enough to survive (*phrasal verb, P5*) _____
5. a sudden and very fast increase (*noun, P7*) _____
6. has existed since (*phrasal verb, P8*) _____
7. managing to reach (*phrasal verb -ing, P8*) _____
8. results from, is caused by (*phrasal verb, P9*) _____

6 Adverb + adjective

Match the adverbs to the adjectives to create phrases from the text.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. linguistically | a. diverse |
| 2. largely | b. self-supporting |
| 3. entirely | c. spoken |
| 4. widely | d. unrecognised |



Now complete the rephrased sentences using the phrases:

1. People speak English all over the world.

English is the most _____ language in the world.

2. In Manchester, many different languages are used.

Manchester is one of the most _____ cities in the world.

3. Not many people have heard of Manchester's cultural diversity.

Manchester's cultural diversity is _____ .

4. Manchester's linguistic diversity is not funded by the government.

Manchester's linguistic diversity is _____ .

7 Talking point

Discuss any of the questions below.

1. Is your country culturally diverse?
2. How has your country been influenced by other cultures?
3. How has your country influenced other cultures?

8 Flashcard review

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2 Key words

1. a 2. e 3. b 4. c 5. f 6. d

3 Find the information

1. 200 2. 410,000 3. 4 in 10 4. 19% 5. Urdu 6. 1500

4 Checking understanding

1. F 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. T 6. T 7. T

5 Find the word

1. diverse 2. decent 3. findings 4. get by
 5. explosion 6. dates back to 7. catching up 8. is down to

6 Adverb + adjective

Students can work individually and check in pairs.

1. a 2. d 3. b 4. c
1. widely spoken 2. linguistically diverse 3. largely unrecognised 4. entirely self-supporting

8 Flashcard review

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