

THE UNITED KINGDON

Facts and Figures

Task 1: READING

Read the text below and fill in the gaps.

At the 2011 _____, 36.7% of London's _____ was _____ born (including 24.5% born outside of Europe). With 2,998,264 residents born abroad, London has the second highest _____-born population of any city in the world.

Task 2: WRITING

In pairs, try to write a similar text about the capital of your country or about your town. You do not have the figures but try to make educated guesses.

Then see if your guesses are similar to those of other students in your class.

Task 3: READING

Read the jumbled sentences below and match the beginning with the right end. Is there anything that surprises you about those facts and figures?

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| 1. Starting off in the early 1920s, | are from ethnic minorities |
| 2. In Bristol, from the 1930s right up till the 1990s, | the Caribbean community were victims of discrimination & inequality. |
| 3. Asian culture has been part of Britain | in UK (after Indians) - 1% of population - more than Irish-born residents |
| 4. However, back then it wasn't 433, 150 people, | where more than twenty languages are spoken. That's a truly multicultural school! |
| 5. There's a school in Cardiff, | or 1.5% of the overall population! |
| 6. One in 20 people | there was a huge migration of Black Caribbean people to London and Bristol. |
| 7. Poles now constitute largest ethnic group | since the 1600s. |

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Teachers' Notes

These activities have been designed to be used AFTER the workshops as a way of consolidating what was being discussed. Before using the handout, you may ask the students if they remember any interesting facts or figures about the U.K.

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The missing words are: *census, population, foreign, foreign.*

Task 3.

The sentences are

1. Starting off in the early 1920s, there was a huge migration of Black Caribbean people to London and Bristol.
2. In Bristol, from the 1930s right up till the 1990s, the Caribbean community were victims of discrimination & inequality.
3. Asian culture has been part of Britain since the 1600s.
4. However, back then it wasn't 433, 150 people, or 1.5% of the overall population!
5. There's a school in Cardiff, where more than twenty languages are spoken. That's a truly multicultural school!
6. One in 20 people are from ethnic minorities.
7. Poles now constitute largest ethnic group in UK (after Indians) - 1% of population - more than Irish-born residents

After students complete Task 3 you may ask them to write similar facts and figures about their own country in class, making educated guesses. Or, you may assign the written task as homework asking students to do some research.