

8 No, they weren't held in London in 2016 – that was 2012. The 2016 games were held in Rio de Janeiro.

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D Well, I did. We were practising giving presentations.

N Oh, sounds interesting. Was that not useful for you, Miguel?

M No.

N Why? Do you never have to give presentations at work?

M No.

D I do. That's why I need to improve my English.

N Well, it's definitely improving!

M Have you noticed my English is better?

N Er, yes, I have. And it'll get better the longer you're here.

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M No!

D Yes, you do! You're always together. Are you going on the trip to Wales on Saturday?

M Yes.

D I'm going too, and Keiko and Roberto are, so spend the day speaking English with us.

M OK.

2.5 Short answers

D Hi, Nick! Have you been shopping?

N Yes, I have. I'm going to cook fish pie for you two tonight. Did you have a good day at college?

M No, I didn't. I didn't think the lessons were very interesting today.

D Well, I did. We were practising giving presentations.

N Oh, sounds interesting. Was that not useful for you, Miguel?

M No, it wasn't really. It's not something I need to practise.

N Why? Do you never have to give presentations at work?

M No, I don't. Well, not in English anyway – sometimes I have to give them in Spanish.

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D No, it won't because he speaks Spanish with the other Spanish students all day!

M No, I don't! I don't spend all my time with them!

D Yes, you do! You're always together. Are you going on the trip to Wales on Saturday?

M Yes, I am. I've always wanted to see Wales.

D I'm going too, and Keiko and Roberto are, so spend the day speaking English with us.

M OK, I will. Maybe I do need to practise speaking English more.

2.8 A world in one family – Nicolas

I So, Nicolas, how old are you?

N I'm 21.

I And you have an interesting background – what nationality are you?

N Well, I'm British – I was born here and I've got a British passport.

I And is that the same for your sister?

N Yeah, Sara was born here, too.

I But your parents, what nationality are they?

N Well my father's Brazilian, and my mum's German, but they've both lived in the UK for 30 years.

I And how did they meet? Was that here in the UK?

N Yes. It's a funny story actually...

I Go on then!

N Well,... you should probably ask my mother about it...

I OK, I will! What about languages? Your parents must speak very good English?

N Yeah,... both of them had good English when they came here, and it's pretty perfect now. But I do get to correct them *sometimes*!

I So what languages are spoken in your family?

N Well my dad speaks Portuguese as well as English, obviously. My mum's father's German and her mother's Brazilian, so ... she speaks German and Portuguese fluently. And she studied English at university.

I Wow! So are you and your sister both bilingual? Or trilingual?

N Er, you could say Sara's trilingual. I'm *sort of* bilingual – my dad didn't make as much effort to speak Portuguese with me, and I'm not really fluent in it.

I And what's it like growing up in England with a Brazilian father and a German mother?

N It's been ... fine. I didn't think about my nationality much when I was young. The first time I remember it being an issue was at secondary school, when there was a World Cup, and my classmates said I had to choose which country to support, England, Germany, or Brazil.

I So, which was it?

N I said I wanted to support all three – good job really, 'cos England and Brazil both got knocked out in the quarter-finals!

I Ah, it pays to be multinational sometimes! So, has your background affected your career choice?

N I guess so. I'm studying modern languages at university – Italian and German.

I Oh, another new language!

N Yes! I love Italian, and it's pretty similar to Portuguese.

I And studying German must be dead easy for you!

N Er, ... in some ways, but writing in German is still difficult for me sometimes.

I And what are you hoping to do in the future?

N Er, good question. I'm not sure yet. But I want to use my languages, hopefully in a job where I can travel or live abroad for a while.

2.9 A world in one family – Elke

I Elke, you're German, aren't you?

E Yes – I'm actually half German and half Brazilian, but I was born and grew up in Düsseldorf.

I And how long have you lived here in Cambridge?

E Er... 31 years.

I How did that happen?

E Er, I came to the university as a postgraduate, and ... well, I met my husband, Felipe. We met at a student party...

I Nicolas tells me it's a good story!

E Yes, [*laughs*]... I was standing near two men, it was Felipe and his Brazilian friend, Lucas and ... well, I look German, or maybe English, not particularly Brazilian, so, after looking over at me, Felipe thought it was fine for him to say to Lucas, quite loudly in Portuguese, 'Oooh! She is *cute*! I'd like to ask her out!'

I Oh no!!

E Oh yes! He looked horrified and blushed like mad when I shouted over in Portuguese, 'Well, you're not so bad yourself, so why don't you?!' But then we laughed about it and spent the evening together... and ... well, here we still are!

I What made you decide to stay here?

E Felipe got a job at the university, and I found a job soon after. It avoids deciding which of your countries to live in if you live in a third one!

I True! Now, I wondered – did you choose Sara and Nicholas' names because they're international?

E Yes, they're common in all the countries we belong to.

I And would you say that Sara and Nicholas are both trilingual?

E Sara is – she's comfortable in German, Portuguese, or English. She often switches languages without even noticing!

I Now, Nicolas said his dad didn't make as much effort to speak Portuguese to him.

E Oh, that's not true! We introduced it a *bit* later, but Felipe always used it with him – it's just that Nicolas kept replying in English!

I Ah! Well, I know Nicolas is studying languages ... has Sara's background influenced her career?

E Yes, she's a consultant for British companies doing business in Brazil, and she's often out there. I think she'll end up living there, actually.

I And what do you think are the pros and cons of bringing up children in a different culture to your own?

E I think it's a great opportunity to take the best of both cultures. People identify too much with just their own language and culture. But I do sometimes worry that my children don't feel like they really belong anywhere. I wonder whether it's possible to feel 100% English when your parents aren't English?

2.12 Everyday situations

1 **A** Just a trim, please.

B OK. How much do you want off? This much?

A Er ..., a bit more than that. My hair grows really quickly!

2 **A** No, thanks, I'm just looking.

B Well, just call me if you do need any help.

A Thanks. Oh actually, where are the changing rooms?

3 **A** Is it within walking distance?

B No, not really. It's more of a taxi ride.

A Thanks. Is there a taxi rank near here?

4 **A** I'm afraid I've locked myself out of my room.

B That's no problem. I'll just do you another key card.

A Thanks. I'll bring it straight back.

5 **A** I can't make the meeting. I'm stuck in traffic.

B Oh no! You're the one giving the presentation!

A Oh come on. You could do it just as well as me.

6 **A** I need to make an appointment. It's quite urgent – I've lost a filling.

B We have a cancellation this afternoon at 2.45 if that's OK?

A Oh, that would be brilliant! Thank you ever so much. I'll see you then.

7 **A** No, thanks. It was all lovely, but I couldn't eat another thing.

B Oh, but you really must try the other dessert!

A Honestly, I'd love to, but I really couldn't manage it!

8 **A** Is there a matinee performance today?

B Yes, it's at 2.30, but I'm afraid it's sold out. How about tomorrow?