

Lead-in

Work with a partner. Discuss the following questions.

- What activities or pastimes do you like doing in your free time?
- Do you think these are common activities in your country?
- In which countries around the world are these typical pastimes?
 - watching baseball
 - surfing
 - bull fighting
 - samba dancing



Listening

1. Listen to two people talking about pastimes. Which activities do the speakers talk about?

2. Answer the questions True (T) or False (F)

1. Pin has just arrived in Britain.
2. British people think baseball and cricket are similar.
3. Dave and Pin decide to see a one-day cricket match.
4. Windsor Castle was built during the 1100s.
5. Fish and chips in Britain are sometimes served wrapped in newspaper.
6. Dave doesn't really like scones.

Vocabulary

1. Look at the audio script. Find a word or phrase that means ...

1. ... being the most typical example or most important part of something. (adv)
2. ... uninteresting or boring.
3. ... the buildings, paintings, customs, etc. that are important in a culture.
4. ... a long, narrow building that goes from a beach out to sea.
5. ... to be made or begun at a particular time in the past.
6. ... food that's heavy, filling or high in carbohydrates.

2. Look at these phrases from the text. Choose the correct meaning for each one.


It's hard to think of typically British things off the top of my head. What do you have in mind?

In this context, 'off the top of my head' means ...

- a. without talking to somebody
- b. immediately, from memory

In this context, 'What do you have in mind?' means ...

- a. what do want to do?
- b. do you have any ideas?

Task**Option 1****1. Make a list of typical activities from your country.****2. Imagine a tourist asks you what typical activities or pastimes they can do in your country. Prepare a short presentation explaining about the activities in your list. Use the phrases from Language to help you.****3. Give your presentation to other students.**

If you are from the same country:

- did you have the same ideas?
- do you agree with the comments?

If you are from a different country:

- what did you learn about typical activities in other countries?
- did you hear anything that you knew already?
- did anything surprise you?

Option 2

1. Rate the following statements: 1 (agree strongly) to 5 (disagree strongly).

- It is easy to describe a typical person from my country.
- It is important to maintain traditional activities in a country.
- Television has globalised culture.
- When travelling abroad, it is important to learn about the local culture.
- The culture of my country has changed significantly in the last ten years.

2. Work in groups and compare your answers. Give reasons for the rankings.

Reflection

