

# National stereotypes (worksheet)

## Activity 1

### Would you agree?



1. The British are violent mad football freaks.
2. The Italians are good lovers but bad workers.
3. The Chinese eat everything that moves.
4. The Germans are very punctual.
5. The Swiss love clocks.

## Activity 2

### Which nationalities do you think are being described below?

1. Their men are womanizers.
2. They are arrogant.
3. They are outgoing and talk too loudly.
4. They are all fat.
5. The women are beautiful.
6. They're violent people, I think.
7. They are so mean. They count every penny.
8. They have a reputation of being ignorant but usually speak their mind.
9. They are cold and reserved.

### **Useful phrases:**

*This might/ could be... I guess .... This is probably about.... I'm not sure exactly but... I suppose...*

## Activity 3

### Discuss the questions:



1. What is the stereotype of someone from your country? Is it fair?
2. Do movies show different nationalities as stereotypes?

3. What stereotypical behaviour did you notice when you were on holiday?
4. Does stereotyping help you in some way? How can stereotypes be damaging?
5. Have you ever ruined national stereotypes? Give examples.

#### Activity 4

#### Do you know how to translate into 7 languages?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=XY66ZJ0TFUI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=XY66ZJ0TFUI)

1. What nationalities were there in this video?
2. Do you think Catherine Tate showed accurately the way nationalities speak?