

Spot on facts

BRAINSTORMING **1** Before you look at the chart below, guess which are the top ten ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

VIEWING  **2** Watch the film about young people in Europe who are looking for ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG The video shows young Europeans from Portugal and Spain leaving their countries because of the economic crisis. They have no jobs even though they are highly skilled. Some of them are looking for job opportunities within Europe and some are going to Brazil or Angola, a former Portuguese colony. Even though they already come from a developed country, their situation is comparable with migrants from developing countries. Both groups are in search of a better life and job opportunities, which is why they are trying to migrate to a highly developed country like Germany. They are leaving their friends and families behind and are often taking great risks. Germany encourages highly skilled people from developed and developing countries to immigrate to Germany, because the German economy needs for example doctors and engineers.

VISUALS **3** Look at the two charts on this page and compare the composition ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG

	US population by ethnicity	Ethnic composition of the UK
White	63%	87.1%
Asian	5.1%	6.7% total numbers
Hispanic or Latino	16.9%	no information, possibly below 1% or 2%
African American/ Black British	13.1%	3.0%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1.2%	no information, possibly below 1% or 2%
Native Hawaiian	0.2%	no information, possibly below 1% or 2%
Two or more races/ mixed multiple	2.4%	2.0%

The ethnic composition of the UK and the US varies because of their geographical position and historical events. Britain, for example, had a lot of colonies. By 1922 the British Empire had governed 458 million people and colonised more than 13,000,000 square miles. That is about 25% of the earth's land area. People from Commonwealth countries such as India and the Caribbean were invited to Britain to help strengthen the workforce after World War II. 492 passengers from Jamaica were the first large group of West Indian immigrants after World War II. Immigration from the New Commonwealth ethnic population to the UK started in 1950. In 1971 it was about 1 million. It is now about 4 million. That is the main reason why most British immigrants are of Indian, Pakistani or Bangladeshi descent, since these were former colonies. The high numbers of the Latino/Hispanic population in the US are based on legal and illegal immigration from all over Latin America and high birth rates within the Hispanic population. These people are taking great risks to cross the border between the US and Mexico in search for a better life. It is hard to estimate the exact number of Hispanics living in the US, since many of them are undocumented immigrants. African Americans are the second-largest minority in the US. Many are descended from around 11 million Africans who were forcibly brought to the American colonies as slaves between the 16th and 19th century.

Spot on language

1 Have you personally ever experienced biased language? How did you feel?

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

2 Why is biased language unacceptable? Give reasons from the text ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Biased language is unacceptable because it:

- creates division
- causes separation
- creates tension between you and others
- shows disrespect to other people
- is offensive
- is insulting

3 On your own, collect biased words and think about what makes ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

4 Look at the list and match biased and unbiased phrases.

LÖSUNG 1. c), 2. f), 3. e), 4. g), 5. b), 6. d), 7. a)

5 Your English friend tells you that there are many great movies ... → S26.1

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Dear Kevin

It was interesting to hear that there are so many movies about immigrants in the UK. Lately I have watched the movies you recommended. *East is East* was particularly funny. You asked me whether there are similar films in Germany, and I had to say that I had no idea, but I did some research. I am glad to let you now that there is a very good movie about Turkish immigrants in Germany called *Almanya – Welcome to Germany*. I will sum up the plot for you, and you can decide whether you would like to watch it. ;-)

As you can guess, the movie deals with topics like migration as well as cultural, religious and national identity. The movie relates a heartwarming story of how Hüseyin Yilmaz went to Germany in the sixties as guest worker number 1,000,001. His family followed him, and he lives in Germany with his wife, Fatma, their four children and grandchildren. His youngest grandchild, Cenk, is torn between German and Turkish society and is insecure about his national identity. He wonders whether he is a Turk or a German because some family members see themselves as Turks and others as Germans. His cousin Canan tells Cenk their family story and gives him some insight into German and Turkish customs, cultural and religious differences and language barriers while maintaining a certain sense of humour. That is why the film is said to be humorous, but it is very serious and sad at the same time.

I hope this short summary made you curious, and I can send you a copy if you like.

Cheers

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6 Exchange your email with a partner and check you partner's ... → S33

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

Spot on vocabulary

1 On your own: Write down ten very important words in the context ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG discrimination, prejudice, immigrant, ethnicity, culture shock, integration, to assimilate, nationality, sense of belonging, diversity etc.

2  In pairs: Compare your words and agree on 15 words. Justify ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

3  Now find another pair and in groups of four compare your words ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

4  In your groups of four discuss how you found your core ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

5  a)-b) Get together in small groups. Copy the words from the ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

6  Get together in small groups. Copy the words from the box ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.

7 Use all of the vocabulary in the box to write a personal statement about ...

LÖSUNGSVORSCHLAG Individual answers expected.