



## Living in the Wider World | Diverse Britain | Key Knowledge

### Living in a Multicultural Nation:

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and other British Isles are **multicultural** nations. This means people are from many different nationalities, religions, **cultures** and races and may have different beliefs and **traditions**. All these influences contribute to people's **identity**. Our **identity** is a combination of many things. It includes personal information like our name, address and date of birth but can also include our **culture**, hobbies, interests and how we choose to express ourselves. Living in a **diverse, multicultural society** is very exciting as we can learn from each other.



## Key Vocabulary

**multicultural:**

From many different cultures.

**society:**

A large group of people who live together in an organised way.

**diverse:**

A wide variety.

**culture:**

The food, clothes, language and **traditions** people enjoy all make up their **culture**.

**identity:**

Special things about us that contribute to who we are. This could include our name, family, **culture**, interests, hobbies and the way we choose to express ourselves.

**tradition:**

These can be stories, customs, rituals or beliefs that we often pass from generation to generation.

**right:**

Something we are entitled to. Our human **rights** are **rights** and freedoms we all deserve to make sure we live happy, healthy and safe lives with equal opportunities.

**responsibility:**

Tasks that we do to contribute or things we are in charge of.

**democracy:**

The belief in freedom and **equality** between all people.

**equality:**

Having equal status, **rights** and opportunities.

**government:**

The group of people with authority to govern a state or country.

**rules:**

Instructions we need to follow to stay safe.

**liberty:**

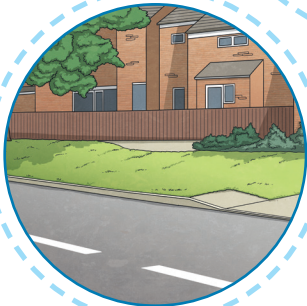
Having freedom. This means we have the choice to make our own decisions and live our life the way we would like to. A **right** or privilege.

**respect:**

A way of treating or thinking about someone that shows they are important and they are valued.

## Democracy:

**Democracy** is the belief that all people are free and equal. A democratic process is one way governments can be elected. Within a democratic process, people have the **right** to vote for politicians and affect decisions about which individuals and political parties are in power. Part of being a democratic nation means that we protect and **respect** the **rights** of everyone in **society**. We all have the **responsibility** to ensure the **rights** of others are met. This means we should treat people with kindness and respect and we should remember that we are all equal and that no one is more deserving, important or special than anyone else.



## discrimination:

Unfair treatment of a person or group based on who they are, where they are from or how they choose to live their life.

## stereotype:

Assuming someone will behave in a certain way because of a certain characteristic. This could be based on the way they look, the way they speak, where they come from or their gender.

## British Laws:

Laws are **rules** that are there to help keep us safe. They are designed to make sure we stay safe, others stay safe and that we protect the property and environment around us. Having laws also helps make sure that people's **right** to a healthy, safe and fulfilling life is met. Some British laws apply to all of Britain, whereas others only apply to one, two or three of the countries.

## Liberty:

**Liberty** means having the freedom to make our own choices and live our lives as we choose to. It can also mean to have a **right** or a privilege. A **right** is something all people should have, either because it is the law or because it is the **right** thing. The UN created the Universal Declaration of Human **Rights** which makes sure the human **rights** of all people are protected. As a member of the United Nations, Britain passed a law in 1998 which recognises our human **rights** as part of British law.



## Celebrating Diversity:

We live in a **diverse society** where people's **identities** are shaped by many things, including their ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. This is exciting! It means that as we spend time together we can learn from each other. Our diversity makes our country strong and beautiful and this should be celebrated. There are many ways we can value the ideas and opinions of others and show each other **respect**. This helps to create fair, tolerant and accepting societies.



## Being British:

Being British means different things to different people. We each have different values, customs and experiences and these will help shape our **identity**. Although there may be many ways we are different, we are all British citizens. This means we have the same common **rights** and live within the same laws and **rules**. Therefore, there may be many ways we are different but there are ways we are similar too.

## Key Learning Points:

**Living in a Multicultural Society:** We are all unique and this is something to celebrate. Our identities are informed by our background, **culture**, **traditions**, values and ideas. It helps our **society** to be a fair and happy place if people's **identities** are valued and represented within their community. There are many ways we can show **respect** to people around us and share values of acceptance.

### We can:

- ask questions;
- smile;
- use kind words;
- use calm voices;
- use polite manners;
- speak positively about others.



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