



# Language and Culture

## Lesson plan

Starter activity	Learning objectives
<p>The class responds to and discusses their answers to the following question:</p> <p>Can we always translate and communicate fully between languages?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To define the difference between language and dialect.</li> <li>• To research ‘untranslatable concepts’ and how some concepts have names in some cultures but not others.</li> <li>• To evaluate how language affects the way we think and the way we share ideas across cultures.</li> </ul>
Main activities	Resources required
<p>In pairs, students attempt the exercise from Step 1.4 (Language and Dialects). After answers have been discussed, pairs look at the answer sheet together. As a class, discuss the following:</p> <p>What is the difference between a language and dialect? (ensuring the term ‘mutual intelligibility’ is covered)</p> <p>The class watches the video in Step 1.6 (Untranslatable concepts). Divide students into small groups to research untranslatable concepts (links from Step 1.6 and other sources can be used). Each group should create a poster of untranslatable concepts, including the concept and their attempt at a definition. Students can include drawings and diagrams of the concepts.</p> <p>Groups share and discuss their posters and the concepts they found with the rest of the class.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exercise and answer sheets from Step 1.4.</li> <li>2. Device to watch video.</li> <li>3. Pens, paper, creative materials for creating posters.</li> </ol> <p><b>Assessment for Learning</b> Answers to exercise and production of posters, reflective writing.</p> <p><b>Differentiation</b> <b>SEND:</b> Videos have subtitles. <b>Low ability:</b> Peer-learning. <b>Gifted and Talented:</b> Peer-teaching.</p> <p><b>Plenary</b> Individually, write a short reflection on the following question:</p> <p>To what extent do you think language can shape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the way we think</li> <li>• the way we share ideas across cultures?</li> </ul>