

ASK FOR AND SAY PEOPLE'S NATIONALITIES

In everyday conversations, it's common to ask people where they are from and what nationality they have. This helps us learn more about others and their culture. Nationality is used to describe the origin of a person in one word.

We can ask about nationality using simple questions:

- What nationality are you?
- Where are you from?

These questions are polite and common when meeting new people. Sometimes both are used in a conversation to get more complete information.



Difference Between “Where are you from?” and “What nationality are you?”

- “Where are you from?” = You answer with a country.

Answer= I am from Argentina.

- “What nationality are you?” = You answer with a nationality.

Answer= I am Argentinian.

You can also ask about someone else:

- “Where is she from?”

Answer= She is from Korea.

- “What nationality is she?”

Answer= She is Korean.



This is especially useful when you meet people from other countries or when talking about your friends or classmates.

COMMON STRUCTURE

To Ask:

- What nationality are you?
- Where are you from?
- Is he/she from [country]?
- Are you [nationality]?

To Answer:

- I am [nationality].
- I'm from [country].
- Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.
- He/She is [nationality].

EXAMPLES

Carlos: What nationality are you?

Laura: I'm Colombian.

Sophie: Where is he from?

Leo: He's from Brazil. He is Brazilian.

Anna: Are you American?

Jack: Yes, I am.

Lucía: Is she Italian?

Luis: No, she's Spanish.

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