

Encounters in the UK

A film by Daniel Emmerson presented by EnglishClub.com



Preview Quiz

How much do you know about the UK and Cambridge?

Test yourself with this 'true or false' quiz!

1. The UK consists of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
2. Cambridge is the second largest city in England, after London.
3. The University of Cambridge was founded in 1209 BC.
4. Some foreign students visiting Cambridge stay with local families.

Watch the Film

Watch the film, and then discuss these questions:

1. What was the film about?
2. Was it interesting or boring? Why?

Activity 1

Watch the 1st part of the film again and choose the correct answer to each question below:

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| 1. Cambridge is described as what type of city? | beautiful | polluted | peaceful | busy |
| 2. Who finished high school recently? | Christina | Michaela | Carolina | Silvia |
| 3. Whose parents suggested learning English in Canada or America? | Christina | Michaela | Carolina | Silvia |
| 4. Who says conversation is the most important part? | Christina | Michaela | Carolina | Silvia |
| 5. Who mentions her English boyfriend? | Christina | Michaela | Carolina | Silvia |
| 6. Who says she has made the right choice? | Christina | Michaela | Carolina | Silvia |
| 7. Who says she's stayed in Cambridge twice before? | Christina | Michaela | Carolina | Silvia |

Activity 2

Watch the 2nd part of the film again and decide if the statements below are True or False:

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| 1. James says that homestay students usually book on a half-board basis. | True/False |
| 2. James says that homestay students must share a room with a friend. | True/False |
| 3. Carolina says that her room is cleaned every Tuesday. | True/False |
| 4. Carolina says she plays tennis with her 'housemum'. | True/False |
| 5. Carol says homestay students spend all day at school. | True/False |
| 6. Carol says there is always a meal ready for students in the evening. | True/False |
| 7. Christina says someone she knew recommended this homestay family to her. | True/False |
| 8. Christina says the food in her homestay is not very good. | True/False |

Activity 3

Watch the 3rd part of the film again and answer the following questions:

1. In what ways does James think that homestay helps learners with their English?
2. How does Silvia think the homestay family can help learners?
3. What does Carol say about students who stay in a dormitory?
4. In what ways does Christina think her host family helps her?
5. In what situation does Joy think a lot of learning takes place?

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Activity 4

Watch the 4th part of the film again and complete the following sentences:

1. David says it is important to give as much as possible.
2. Carolina says it's important to to different situations.
3. Silvia says it's not necessary to be because the family know how to deal with you.
4. Michaela says the two worst things are to be too and too
5. Michaela says you should always have a in your pocket.
6. Joy says it is a great experience, not only in terms of learning English, but in learning about

Activity 5 (Class discussion)

Consider the film's opening quote from the British Council again:

"Complete immersion...is often the best way to develop your language skills."

Now discuss these questions:

1. What is "complete immersion"?
2. Why is it seen as such a good way to learn a language?
3. Is it possible to get some of the benefits of "complete immersion" without going to an English-speaking country? If so, how?

Activity 6 (Roleplay)

Work with a partner. One of you (A) is planning to study in the UK and stay with a host family. The other (B) works for a company that organises homestays. B interviews A in order to get all the information needed to place A with a suitable host family. A answers the questions, and also explains what their ideal host family would be like. When you have finished, swap roles and repeat the activity.

The information, statements and answers used in this worksheet are taken from the film in question and interviewees' responses. They are not necessarily true for the whole country, nor do they necessarily reflect the views of the filmmaker or of EnglishClub.com.