

Chatterbox #234 – Are stereotypes true?

Episode description

When you think of Canada, what comes to mind? How about when you think of America? In this fun episode of Chatterbox, Andrew and Kassy talk about common stereotypes in Canada and America: the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Fun fact

Stereotypes exist in every country and in every part of society. Even by age 5, children can recognize and form opinions around stereotypes related to gender, ethnicity, and other social groups. However, stereotypes are always changing, evolving, or disappearing, thanks to education and shared experiences.

Expressions included in the study guide

- Stereotype
- Twang
- To be like a religion
- To get one's fix
- Gnarly
- Black sheep
- To get on one's high horse





Transcript

Note: The words and expressions that appear in **bold text** within the transcript are discussed in more detail in the Detailed Explanations section that follows the transcript.

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Hello, everyone. My name is Andrew.

Kassy: And I'm Kassy.

Andrew: And you are listening to Culips.

Hey, Kassy.

Kassy: Hey.

Andrew: How are you?

Kassy: You know, I'm good.

Andrew: Yeah? You told me a funny story just a moment ago about a baking disaster that happened to you recently. And that struck me as funny, because we recorded an episode not too long ago on the Culips English Podcast where I talked about some baking disasters that have happened to me.

Kassy: Yeah.

Andrew: Could you share our story with our listeners?

Kassy: Yeah, I guess I can. So on Wednesday—I live in Korea and Wednesday was Parents' Day.

Andrew: OK, kind of like Mother's Day and Father's Day combined into one.

Kassy: Exactly, yes. So my boyfriend's parents were having a get-together over at their house, so I thought I would make some muffins.

Andrew: Nice, very considerate.

Kassy: Yeah, so I made some delicious, amazing, banana walnut muffins.

Andrew: Yum.



Kassy: They came out splendidly. But it was cancelled, the party, until today. So I decided to make another batch of muffins. But this one ended in disaster.

Andrew: Oh no.

Kassy: When I went to take the muffins out of the pan, nothing came out.

Andrew: Nothing came out. They were stuck to the muffin pan?

Kassy: Exactly. So when I finally got them out, they were this crumbled mess of muffin disaster is all I can describe it.

Andrew: So you could still technically eat that yourself. It's not really a waste, but maybe it's not the greatest thing to present to your boyfriend's parents on their special day.

Kassy: Yeah, no, it tastes fantastic but it looks like a train wreck.

Andrew: So what will you do? Will you just buy something from the store?

Kassy: Yeah, you know, maybe I'll just buy some traditional rice cake. Everybody loves rice cake.

Andrew: Yeah, there you go. Good idea.

Kassy, today we're going to do a Chatterbox episode. And for all of our listeners that don't know, Chatterbox is our series where we have completely natural English conversations about an interesting topic and we let everyone listen in. It's as if they're in the room with us, OK?

And the topic for today, I think is an interesting one, it is **stereotypes**. **Stereotypes** that Canadians have about Americans and **stereotypes** that Americans have about Canadians. And I'm Canadian, of course, and you are American, so this will be great. We can bounce these **stereotypes** off each other and we'll see if there's any validity to them, if they're true or if they're false.

But just before we get started with that, I would like to let everyone know that we have a study guide available for this episode, and it includes lots of good things like a transcript and vocabulary explanations and examples of the key expressions that you'll hear us use here today. There's also a quiz and there are some prompts that you can use for writing practice or speaking practice, it's a really great way to study with this episode and it's probably written by Kassy, so it's bound to be good.

Kassy: That's right.



Andrew: So just visit Culips.com to give it a download.

OK, so let's get into it, Kassy.

Kassy: OK.

Andrew: And maybe we should start by defining **stereotype**. So a **stereotype** is an idea that's widely held by many people about a certain group of people or a certain race of people usually, right? You could have a **stereotype** about Americans or Canadians or Polish people, whatever, right? And usually **stereotypes** are not true.

Kassy: Yeah.

Andrew: Right? There's always exceptions to the rule. But that doesn't mean that people don't believe them. A lot of people believe **stereotypes** to be true, even though in reality they're not.

Kassy: Similar to first impression, right? When you look at someone who's, say a football player in America, people usually think of them as big and strong, but also a little bit stupid.

Andrew: Right.

Kassy: But that's not true, always.

Andrew: Sometimes it's true and sometimes it's not. I guess that is something that makes **stereotypes** have power, staying power, I think, is that sometimes they are true, right?

Kassy: Yeah.

Andrew: So if you see one example of a **stereotype** that lives up to the **stereotype**, maybe that reinforces the idea that it's true. Even though statistically it could be false.

Kassy: Exactly.

Andrew: Cool. So, Kassy, let's go back and forth and we'll just bounce some **stereotypes** off of each other and we can tell each other if they're true or false in our opinions, because we're insiders.

Kassy: This will be fun.

- Andrew: Yeah. So the first **stereotype** that I have about Americans is actually a positive **stereotype**, and it has to do with the American dream, 'cause I think in Canada we have this idea that Americans are very hard-working and optimistic because there's the American dream. The possibility that if you work hard, you can achieve great success and you can be wealthy. And I think this a positive **stereotype** that we have about Americans. What do you think? Do you hold this to be true?
- Kassy: Actually, I do. Yeah, so I think Americans are some of the most positive people that you meet, like when you walk down the street, people are always saying, "Hi, how are you?" And people are always really ready to, you know, work hard and give it their best, give it their all.
- Andrew: Right.
- Kassy: I think these days, it's a little harder to live the true American dream, you know, like the big house, white picket fence, swimming pool, three kids, a dog.
- Andrew: Right.
- Kassy: But it is still definitely possible to move there as a foreigner or expat and get a good job and make something of yourself.
- Andrew: Right, as opposed to some other countries, perhaps, where the social position that you're born into is almost extremely impossible to shake. In America, there's the opportunity for social mobility. The possibility to move up the social ladder, if you work hard and you take advantage of the opportunities that are available to you.
- Kassy: Yes, that's right.
- Andrew: OK, so that's good. A positive **stereotype** is always nice, right? Better than the negative ones.
- Kassy, do you have any **stereotypes** about Canadians?
- Kassy: Well, I guess I'll give one positive one first too.
- Andrew: OK.
- Kassy: Canadians are known to be extremely polite and friendly.
- Andrew: Right.
- Kassy: They're always saying please, thank you, yes, of course, how can I help you? Yeah, so many thank yous.



- Andrew: Yeah, I think this is true. Now, I don't necessarily believe that Canadians are friendlier than Americans or any other people around the world, per se. But I do think that we just automatically say please and thank you a lot without even feeling goodwill in our hearts. We just say please, thank you.
- Kassy: So it's kind of like an automatic response?
- Andrew: Exactly, exactly. And I've noticed it especially since I've moved to Korea, in that I have that drive in me to say please and thank you all the time, and that carries forward to when I'm speaking Korean. So I say thank you in situations where Koreans would never say thank you.
- Kassy: Actually, I do that, too.
- Andrew: Yeah. So there is this **stereotype** that Canadians are really friendly, but I have to say that I think Americans are just as friendly, especially in the South, if you're an American from the South and you have that Southern hospitality.
- Kassy: Yeah, Southern hospitality is a great thing.
- Andrew: Yeah, I don't think that there's really a difference between Canadians and Americans in terms of friendliness. I haven't met a really rude American person before.
- Kassy: Oh, they're definitely out there.
- Andrew: I believe that they are, but I just haven't met one.
- Kassy: Actually, now that you talk about that, the similarities between Americans and Canadians, I didn't realize how similar they were because in TV shows Canadians are always shown as, like, with really strong accents, you know? About and eh. Can you try it for us?
- Andrew: Yeah, so what you're talking about is the pronunciation of the word A-B-O-U-T, about, about. And I say about, but usually when Americans hear this, they make fun of me and say, "Oh, Andrew, you're pronouncing it like about," "about," as if it was spelt A-B-O-O-T.
- Kassy: That's right, yeah.
- Andrew: So when I say it, do you hear about?
- Kassy: 90% of the time, no, I just hear about, but sometimes there's a little **twang**.



- Andrew: It might be because I'm from the West Coast. I think in the middle of the country, so in the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario that are sort of centrally located in Canada, it's much stronger, this vowel sound. And I think you hear that in the States, too, maybe somebody from Minnesota or ...
- Kassy: Minnesota.
- Andrew: Minnesota. They might say "about" a little bit stronger than I would.
- Kassy: Yes.
- Andrew: Yeah, so that definitely is a **stereotype** that Americans have about Canadians, and I'll say that it's true for central Canada, for sure.
- Kassy: OK.
- Andrew: Kassy, I got some negative ones. Are you ready for the difficult ones?
- Kassy: I think so.
- Andrew: OK. Obesity. I think this is a **stereotype** that the world has about America. Maybe because of, I guess maybe the birthplace of fast food?
- Kassy: Yeah, I think it is.
- Andrew: And so, obesity, yeah. There's the idea, the notion that many, many Americans are overweight, to unhealthy levels. Do you think this is true?
- Kassy: Before I left America to come live in Korea, I didn't think about it too much. But when I went back and experienced it with new eyes, I think I realized that it's not that all Americans are fat or obese, it's that those people who are obese are so much larger than obese people in other countries.
- Andrew: Right.
- Kassy: We take it to the extreme.
- Andrew: I have to say that I have exactly the same experience. When I go back to visit my hometown in Canada, I'm shocked at the amount of obese people that I see in Canada. I didn't really notice it before I lived abroad, and now when I go back, it's really quite shocking. And I would say there's probably no difference between obesity levels in Canada and the US. I'm not sure of the statistics, but I think it's probably similar.
- Kassy: Yeah, so there's plenty of skinny and average-sized people, but those who are large are very large.



Andrew: Yeah, there's a lot of diversity in America, right? People from all over the place, every country, and also all different body sizes and body shapes. There's a lot of diversity there, too.

Kassy: That's why we call America the melting pot.

Andrew: Right.

Kassy: Yes.

Andrew: Kassy, do you have another Canadian **stereotype**?

Kassy: Yeah, I guess this one is related to food and hobbies. We always think, when we think Canadians, we think maple syrup and ice hockey.

Andrew: Right.

Kassy: Yes.

Andrew: OK, let's start with ice hockey, because this one is really easy. It's definitely the most popular sport in Canada, and I think it is one thing that defines Canada. Sometimes it could be difficult to find differences between Canada and the USA, I think. But ice hockey is super popular in Canada and not that popular in the States.

Kassy: Yeah, I think in the more northern states like Minnesota, you mentioned earlier, it's popular. But other places, not so much.

Andrew: Yeah, exactly. Although I do think that is changing a little bit, it's getting more and more popular in the States, but it's really, **it's like a religion** in Canada. People are fanatic.

Kassy: A religion.

Andrew: Whereas maybe in the States, football would be, or basketball.

Kassy: Football, for sure.

Andrew: Football, OK. So maple syrup, yeah, we do eat a lot of maple syrup. I have to be honest with you, I use it in cooking often if I'm roasting some vegetables or something like that, some sweet potatoes or some yams or beets even, coat it in a little maple syrup and roast the vegetables. It's very good.

Kassy: Do you miss it when you're here? Can you buy maple syrup here?

- Andrew: It's really easy to find in Korea. Almost surprisingly, almost every supermarket has three or four different brands of maple syrup. Usually one American brand and two or three Canadian brands.
- Kassy: So you can **get your maple syrup fix**?
- Andrew: That's right. Personally, I don't eat it very often, maybe once or twice a year. Yeah.
- Kassy: It's like natural liquid sugar in a bottle.
- Andrew: It's funny, one of my friends that is from Canada that's living in Korea, we like to go running together, and when we're doing a long distance run, he packs a little vial of maple syrup and drinks it while he's running to up his sugar in his blood.
- Kassy: No way? That is fantastic.
- Andrew: I can't do it, though. It's too **gnarly** for me, too sweet.
- OK, let's do one more, Kassy. One final **stereotype**. So maybe this is the most negative one about the States, and it's about guns. Canadians feel, or there's the **stereotype** that Americans are gun obsessed. Do you think this is an accurate **stereotype** or a false depiction?
- Kassy: Actually, you're talking to the right person. My stepfather actually builds and collects guns.
- Andrew: He builds guns?
- Kassy: Yeah.
- Andrew: Wow.
- Kassy: Like old Civil War era.
- Andrew: Ah, like antiques?
- Kassy: Yeah, antique guns.
- Andrew: Cool.
- Kassy: But he has guns from every era and every war, it's one of his hobbies. My family alone probably has over 100 guns.
- Andrew: Wow.
- Kassy: Yeah.

- Andrew: So your family is obsessed, perhaps?
- Kassy: So obsessed. I'm not, but I am definitely the **black sheep** of my family.
- Andrew: OK, that's really interesting.
- Kassy: In the city, there's always, like, dangerous areas and safe areas of each city. And I think these days, there's a lot of families that don't own one, but a lot of families own a gun, not because they want one, but because they feel like they need one.
- Andrew: Right, right. In Canada, we like to **get onto our high horse** and say, "Oh, we have no gun violence in Canada," but it's not true, there is gun violence in Canada. And the reason why, it's actually, legally, it's very difficult to buy a firearm or to buy a gun, but there's a black market. There's an illegal market. And because the Canadian/American border is so big and open for the most part, it's really easy to get guns into Canada illegally. So what this means is that the criminals can have guns. It's just the law-abiding citizens who wouldn't shoot anyone in the first place who don't have guns. The criminals still do, so this is an issue.
- Kassy: It's crazy, right? Yeah.
- Andrew: OK, so I guess maybe true. Gun obsession in the States is maybe true?
- Kassy: Yeah.
- Andrew: OK, very cool. Do you have any other **stereotypes** about Canada? Or did we cover them all?
- Kassy: You know, I don't know that many **stereotypes** about Canada, actually.
- Andrew: That's good. Actually, I think that's interestingly another **stereotype** that Canadians are kind of bland.
- Kassy: Oh yeah, boring.
- Andrew: Boring.
- Kassy: But Andrew you're not boring, don't worry.
- Andrew: Thank you, thank you. Yeah, and maybe that's why we don't have too many **stereotypes** about us, because there's not really too much to **stereotype**. We just sort of live a quiet life and stay out of trouble.
- Kassy: Yeah.

Andrew: All right Kassy, all right, I think we'll wrap things up here. I would like to remind all of our listeners one more time about the study guide for this episode, and it's on our website, Culips.com. We're also all over the place on social media, on Instagram and YouTube, Facebook, Twitter. So if you would like to follow us, please just search for the Culips English Podcast and you can find us and follow us easily. And, finally, please do us favour and subscribe to the Culips English Podcast on your favourite podcasting service, so Apple Podcast, Spotify, Google Podcast. Doing this would really help us out. So if you haven't subscribed yet, please subscribe.

All right, thanks for listening everyone. We'll talk to you later. Bye.

Kassy: Bye.

Detailed Explanations

Stereotype

Noun

A **stereotype** is a widely held belief or opinion about a person or group of people. **Stereotypes** cause others to view a group of people in a certain way, even though not everyone in that group has the characteristics of that **stereotype**. For example, in this episode, Andrew and Kassy mention that one **stereotype** of Canadians is that they are extremely friendly and polite. This is true for many Canadians, but it is not true for every Canadian; it is an over-generalization of a common trait.

A similar word for **stereotype** is cliché. A cliché is a phrase or opinion that is outdated or over-generalized and narrow-minded.

Here are a couple more examples with **stereotype**:

Maxine:	Do you wanna hang out tonight?
Francesca:	No, Jeff is helping me study for the physics test.
Maxine:	Jeff? Isn't he a football player?
Francesca:	Yeah, so?
Maxine:	I thought jocks were supposed to be stupid. You're supposed to be tutoring him, not the other way around.
Francesca:	Wow, that is such a cliché. You know it's just a stupid stereotype that football players aren't smart, right?

Frank:	What are you doing?
Tianqi:	Math homework.
Frank:	Of course you are.
Tianqi:	What's that supposed to mean?
Frank:	Well, all Asians love math. Everybody knows that.
Tianqi:	Ugh. Leave me alone and take your offensive racial stereotypes with you.

Twang

Noun

A **twang** is a word used to describe accents or dialects in the English language. The word **twang** is usually used to describe the changing of vowels in certain words in specific regions. For example, a Texas **twang** might change the word “trap” to sound like “tray-ap,” or the Canadian **twang** might change the word “about” to “aboot”.

Drawl is also a word used to describe regional accents. Someone who speaks English with a drawl speaks very slowly and elongates vowel sounds. This type of English is found in the Deep South of the United States.

Here are a couple more examples with **twang**:

Madeline:	How y'all doin'? It's been ages since I've seen ya.
Caroline:	Oh my goodness. Listen to that Southern twang . You go to college down South for 4 years, and you come back sounding like a Nashville country singer.
Madeline:	Ha. Yeah, I guess my voice did change a bit, huh? I couldn't help it. Their way of speaking is just so darn catchy.
Caroline:	It's kinda cute, actually. You should move to Australia next and pick up one of those cool Aussie accents, too.

Xavier:	How's it been living in Boston? Do you miss Vancouver yet?
Clint:	It's been nice. The only thing I can't seem to get used to is the strange Boston twang . Did you know they pronounce “car” as “cah” and “Harvard” as “Hah-vahd”?
Xavier:	Yeah, it's hilarious. Have you tried speaking with a Boston accent yet?
Clint:	No, and I don't think I ever will if I can help it. Don't even get me started on the swearing. I don't think I've heard the F-word as much in my whole life combined as I have in the past month I've been in Boston.
Xavier:	You know them Bostonians. They're a rough and rowdy bunch.



To be like a religion

Idiom

If you say that something **is like a religion**, then you are saying that it is extremely important to you and that you spend time and money pursuing it. Oftentimes this phrase is used when referring to sports fans, because fans follow their favourite teams and players' statistics like a devout Christian follows his Bible.

In this episode, Andrew says that ice hockey **is like a religion** in Canada. People live and breathe ice hockey; they love it like no other sport. For many Americans, football **is like a religion**.

Here are a couple more examples with **to be like a religion**:

Terra:	Have you heard of the boyband BTS? You know, the one from South Korea?
Dana:	Of course! Who hasn't heard of them? Their fan base is insane. It's like a religion.
Terra:	I know, right? It seems like everywhere I look these days, there are fans wearing t-shirts, playing BTS albums, or posting comments online.
Dana:	Seriously, they are like The Beatles of our generation.

Hector:	Hey, you're new here, right? Where are you from?
Jason:	I'm from New York.
Hector:	Oh, the Big Apple, huh? Well, welcome to Hawaii. You ever been surfing?
Jason:	Ha, no. Not much surfing going on in New York. Do you surf?
Hector:	Definitely, bro. Surfing is like a religion around here. Wanna try it out?
Jason:	I don't have a board.
Hector:	Don't worry about it. You can borrow one of mine. I'll show you the ropes and you'll be riding the waves in no time.
Jason:	Wow, man. Thanks!



To get one's fix

Idiom

Fix in this phrase refers to some substance that one is highly addicted to and craves. A fix originally referred to a drug dose. Therefore, **to get one's fix** originally referred to drug addicts getting a dose of the drug they so desperately craved. Now, fix is slang for any kind of substance that someone craves; common ones include sugar, coffee, or hot sauce.

In this episode, Andrew says how much Canadians like maple syrup, and Kassy asks him if it is difficult **to get his syrup fix** while living in Korea. In other words, Kassy is asking whether or not it is difficult to find the maple syrup that Andrew craves in Korean grocery stores.

Here are a couple more examples with **to get one's fix**:

Tracy:	Wow, you look terrible. What's the matter?
A-Hyun:	Ugh, I woke up late, so I didn't have time to make coffee this morning. I just can't function if I don't get my fix of caffeine .
Tracy:	I was about to go out and get some Starbucks. I can get you one while I'm there.
A-Hyun:	You are a life saver! Venti iced coffee, please! Black!

Chase:	Hey, can we stop by Taco Bell on the way home? I really need to get my burrito fix .
Yvonne:	Sure. I could go for a quesadilla, too.
Chase:	Sweet. Wanna go in or just do drive-through?
Yvonne:	Let's just go through the drive-through. We can get the grub and go eat it by the river.
Chase:	Sounds like a plan. Let's go!

Gnarly Adjective

The word **gnarly** is unique, because it has three common meanings and two of them are almost total opposites of each other. The most common use of the word **gnarly** is bumpy or twisted. It is used to describe plants or body parts, such as **gnarly** vines or old, **gnarly** fingers.

The second meaning of **gnarly** is difficult or bad. In this episode, Andrew says his friend eats maple syrup when he runs for extra energy, but it is too **gnarly** for Andrew, meaning it is too difficult.

The final meaning of **gnarly** is actually the opposite of the second meaning. The last meaning of **gnarly** is good or awesome. This is used as a slang word amongst young people. For example, a **gnarly** guitar player is a really good guitar player.

Here are a couple more examples with **gnarly**:

Khris:	Dude! Check out those gnarly waves! Let's go surfing!
Davis:	I can't, man. I gotta go to work.
Khris:	Work? How can you even think about work with those gnarly waves? Just call in sick.
Davis:	If I call in fake sick one more time, I'm gonna get fired.
Khris:	Ugh, you are really bringing down the mood, dude. Go make your money, sellout. I'm headed to the beach.

Layna:	Wait! Don't take I-98! Didn't you hear on the news? There was this gnarly accident on the highway about an hour ago. The traffic is insane.
Mei:	Really? What happened?
Layna:	The craziest thing: an 18-wheeler carrying tomatoes crashed. The tomatoes went all over the road, hitting the other cars' windshields so the drivers couldn't see. About eight other cars crashed, too.
Mei:	Wow, that is crazy! Is everyone okay?
Layna:	I heard three people went to the hospital, but nobody died.

Black sheep

Noun

A **black sheep** is an outcast, someone who doesn't belong. **Black sheep** is most often used in the phrase **black sheep** of the family. If you don't fit in with the rest of your family or you are a disgrace to your family, then you are considered a **black sheep**.

In the past, **black sheep** were considered undesirable for farmers, because their fleece wasn't suitable for making dyed wool. Therefore, a **black sheep** of the family is a family member who is different and disliked for some reason by the rest of the family.

Here are a couple more examples with **black sheep**:

Mary:	What's the matter? You look miserable.
Harris:	I failed my chemistry final. My parents are gonna be so disappointed.
Mary:	A bad grade isn't the end of the world.
Harris:	It is in my family. I'm the black sheep . My older sisters are both doctors, my dad is a defense attorney, and my mom is a professor of psychology. They're all geniuses.
Mary:	Wow. You must be under a lot of pressure to get good grades, huh?
Harris:	Yeah, you have no idea. I don't even like chemistry! I wanna major in theatre, but my parents said that's not a viable career path.

Talia:	I think I need a new job.
Tamar:	What? Why? I thought you really liked your job.
Talia:	I do, but this coworker of mine is driving me crazy! He's on my team and he's kind of odd, and I just don't know how to deal with him.
Tamar:	That isn't a reason to quit. There are black sheep in every workplace. You just have to get used to it, or ask to be moved to another department.
Talia:	I guess you're right. I'll talk to my manager about it tomorrow.
Tamar:	That's the spirit! I'm sure this problem will be fixed in no time.



To get on one's high horse

Idiom

To get on one's high horse is to feel or act like one is better, more clever, or superior to others. In this episode, Andrew says that Canadians like to **get on their high horse** by saying there is no gun violence in Canada. Although it is not true, they say it to seem superior to the United States, where gun violence is a common and nasty occurrence.

If someone is acting very conceited and arrogant, you can tell them to get off their high horse. For example, if a husband complains to his wife about dinner or the cleanliness of the house, she might tell him to get off his high horse and cook and clean for himself.

Here's one more example with **to get on one's high horse**:

Vicky:	We're lost. I can't believe we're lost. We've been driving down this road for hours.
Greta:	Well, it's your fault. You're supposed to be the navigator.
Vicky:	Hey, now. Someone's getting on their high horse right now. I told you we should have stopped for directions at the last gas station and you said we would be fine without help.
Greta:	Well, now we're stuck in the middle of nowhere, we're running out of gas, and we have no idea where we are. What are we gonna do?
Vicky:	I think we should turn back now and try to get back to the gas station.
Greta:	We'll never make it!
Vicky:	Then we get as far as we can, and walk the rest of the way before it gets too dark. It's our only option.

Quiz

1. Which is not a definition of the word gnarly?

- a) very bad
- b) smelly
- c) very good
- d) twisted and bent

2. Which is an example of a black sheep?

- a) a painter in an art store
- b) a manager in a restaurant
- c) a football player in a ballet class
- d) a surgeon in a hospital

3. In the phrase get your fix, what is a similar word to fix?

- a) solution
- b) tool
- c) dinner
- d) craving

4. Which is not a word that describes English accents?

- a) bangle
- b) twang
- c) drawl
- d) posh

5. When someone is acting arrogant and superior, she is:

- a) on the mend
- b) a bit peaky
- c) on her high horse
- d) a stick in the mud

Writing and Discussion Questions

1. What are some stereotypes about your country or community?
2. What is one stereotype from your country that describes you and one that doesn't describe you?
3. Do you agree with any of the stereotypes talked about in this episode? How so?
4. Is there a sport or other type of entertainment that is followed like a religion in your country?
5. Are there any black sheep in your family? How are these people different?

Quiz Answers

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