

VInt Introductory Activities

Text type: Reading

Week: 2

Title: Don't kill your language

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Pre-reading Discussion Questions:

1. How are people who use English viewed in your home country/city? Does it make a difference whether they are native English speakers or native speakers of your first language (or another language)?
2. Have you ever had an experience where something is "lost in translation"? In other words, a word, expression or feeling that you have in your first language couldn't be expressed in English.
3. Do you think it is a positive or negative thing when words from one language enter and become part of another language (called "borrowed words"). Some examples of this are tortilla, from Spanish, sashimi from Japanese and tofu, from Chinese.

Vocabulary Preview:

Word	Sentence from text	Meaning	Your own sentence
pronounced (adj)			
elite (N)			
huffily (adv)			
prejudice (N)			
buckle (V)			
defy (V)			
erosion (N)			
reverberate (V)			
conjure (V)			
wince (V)			
inimitable (adj)			
mother tongue (phr)			