

Geography

Mini lectures

In small groups, prepare a set of questions about the UK/USA/Australia/ Write questions about these things. Then take turns to ask me your questions.

location, population, climate, tourism, minorities, economy, terrain

Work in pairs with someone from a country you don't know. Ask and answer the same questions, and make notes about the answers.

(In a single nationality class, write the students' questions on the board and give a country written on a piece of paper to each pair of students. They write as much as they can about the country, then read out what they have written for other students to guess the country.)

Describe and draw

In pairs, tell each other about the most impressive mountain, waterfall and beach you have ever seen.

Sit facing each other and make sure you cannot see your partner's notebook. Imagine a beautiful scene, draw it and describe it to your partner, who will also draw it. When you have both described your scenes, compare the drawings. How good were your descriptions?

Projects

- How many areas of outstanding natural beauty do you know about in the UK / USA / Australia / Ireland? Have you been to any of them?

Work in four groups. I'm going to give each group a country and some areas. Use the internet to find out about these places, how you get there, what the landscape is like and what kind of activities you can do there. Prepare a short presentation for the class.

UK: Lake District, Snowdonia, Skye, New Forest

USA: Grand Canyon, Yosemite National Park, Niagara Falls Australia: Ayer's Rock, Blue Mountains, Great Barrier Reef Ireland: Giant's Causeway, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher

- Bring a map of your country to the class and prepare a short talk including information about these subjects.

historical sites, beautiful places, the area you're from, the weather, the economy