

1 All kinds of people

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Global English



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DANE Hi guys, it's your mate Dane! I'm from Australia!

SUDEEPTA Namaste, my name is Sudeepta. I'm from India.

PAUL Hi, how are you doing? My name is Paul and I originally come from London.

KATE Hi, I'm Kate and I'm from Scotland.

HELEN Hi, how's it going? My name is Helen and I come from the South of Ireland.

MARVIN Hey, how's it going? I'm Marvin Baker and I'm 28 years old.

EMILEY Hello. My name is Emiley Vollmer. I was born in a country called Zambia and my parents come from South Africa.

Glossary

mate vriend, kameraad **Namaste** hallo, dag (in India)

2 Down under

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Dane

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My name's Dane. I'm 22, and I'm from Australia.

I was born in Sydney, about a half an hour out of the centre, right on the beach, 5 minutes away.

I have one brother and two sisters they're all younger than me. The rest of my family still lives back in Australia, they still live in Sydney. Uhh, they come and visit me quite often though, so I get to see them a fair bit. I go back maybe once every year to see them. I live in the Netherlands at the moment, I've been here for about 18 months, it's been awesome. I came to the Netherlands to be with my Dutch girlfriend, she's absolutely incredible. We met in London about three years ago.

At home, I try and speak a bit of Dutch with my girlfriend. As I say I've been here for about 18 months so my Dutch should be better than it actually is. So my girlfriend and I try and practise together. But mainly I talk English because I work as an English teacher. I try and get better at Dutch by speaking with my girlfriend and some Dutch friends but it's taking longer than I thought. I like many things about living in the Netherlands. I like the food and the culture and the historical landmarks. There are so many cool things to do. In Arnhem, where I live, there's a fantastic forest that you can go for walks in when the weather is good. I also like things such as eating out and going for drinks. The beer in the Netherlands is awesome and I love football so in Europe there's lots of football to see and that's what I like about the Netherlands. Although I really love the Netherlands, I miss many things about Australia. First of all, I miss the weather. In the Netherlands the summer is not as good as back home. I also miss the beach, because back home I was a very avid surfer and the beach is quite far away from Arnhem. I also miss ... umm ... going out. I miss of course my family, friends and everyone back home.

When you're in Australia, you should definitely visit the beautiful coasts and natural stuff we have back home. My advice to you is to visit the tourist cities like Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane for example, then hire a van and drive up the East coast stopping along the way. Stop every few hours, have a surf, have a beer and just chill out.

Glossary

out of buiten **right on** vlakbij **though** [ðəʊ] *hier*: toch wel **a fair bit** *hier*: tamelijk vaak **incredible** ongelooflijk
actually eigenlijk **historical landmark** historisch monument **forest** bos **back home** *hier*: in mijn geboorteplaats
avid ['ævɪd] enthousiast **far way** ver weg **natural stuff** *hier*: natuur **Sydney** *grootste stad van Australië*
Melbourne *op een na grootste stad van Australië* **Brisbane** *stad aan de oostkust van Australië* **drive up the coast** langs de kust rijden
along the way onderweg **have a surf** gaan surfen **chill out** chillen, ontspannen

3 Incredible India

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Namaste, my name is Sudeepta. I'm from India. I'm 31 years old. I born in the eastern part of India. I have a small younger sister. She is one half years younger to me.

She's married, I'm married too. I currently lived in Bangalore. At home we speak Bengali. I learned English in school. I miss the Indian foods. I believe the Taj Mahal is one thing one should visit when he is in India. Uhh, the weekends in India are more lively.

Glossary

currently momenteel **Bangalore** de derde grootste stad in India **lively** levendig

4 London calling

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Hi, how are you doing? My name's Paul and originally I come from London. I am 51 years old and I've been in the Netherlands for over 20 years now. Umm, I have my own family, I'm married to a Dutch woman called Andrea and I have two children, a son and a daughter and, umm, when we're at home ... uhh, it's funny, it started my relationship with my Dutch wife, which I will tell you about in a minute, because she spoke English, she ... we never decided on which language to speak. I sometimes spoke English, sometimes Dutch and she did the same, it's just when, when we argued I always went into my native language and so did she so that was about the only rule that we had. But with our children we do

have ... uh ... the strict rule, although it just happened naturally as well, that I always speak English with them and my wife speaks Dutch with them, and they speak Dutch to each other because we have always lived in the Netherlands. Umm, why did I come here, well I mentioned meeting my wife and that's ... she in fact was the reason. We met, interesting story, we met when we were in New Zealand travelling and then we travelled together in Australia and at that time I was between jobs as they say or between professions and I decided to come to the Netherlands because that was easier.

When I go home, I call it home although I'm not quite sure whether it is home, uhh ... to London, umm, I miss the Netherlands and while I'm in the Netherlands I miss Britain, most of the things that you can do in the UK you can do here as well, apart from maybe watching cricket live on the telly or live actually at the grounds, that I do miss, reading the Sunday papers at home on a Sunday and a good Sunday lunch or a good pub lunch or having a local, we have a local, a pub which I don't have here.

Glossary

argue ['ɑ:gju:] ruziemaken **strict** strikt, streng **naturally** vanzelfsprekend **profession** beroep **apart from** behalve dan **telly** tv **actually** daadwerkelijk **ground** veld, *hier*: cricketveld **a local** een stamkroeg

5 Uniquely Scottish

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Kate

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Hi, I'm Kate and I'm from Scotland. I was born near Glasgow in an industrial city called Coatbridge. But that was about seventy years ago. I have one brother and two sisters. I'm married to a Dutchman so that's why I'm in the Netherlands and well, umm, I met him while I was studying in Rotterdam several years ago needless to say. Umm, I have one daughter who was actually born in Japan where we spent a few years. She's now in Groningen and my grandson lives there too of course and he's about thirteen now. Uhh, now we speak Dutch and English at home, umm, because my husband used to be a teacher of English, and it's good practice for him. But we're both retired now anyway. I like the climate here in the Netherlands. It's a bit warmer in summer and it's not quite as wet as Scotland. And I also like the scenery in the Netherlands. I'm a great cyclist and I love cycling on the numerous cycle tracks here. But I also love things like the great bread and rolls you get here and the lovely flower shops. Umm, and now at my age of course I appreciate the very good health system. I do miss some things though, I miss speaking Scottish and hearing the Scottish accent and of course I do miss having my family nearby. And actually I miss the Scottish scenery too, especially in the highlands and islands. It's just so wild and lonely out there, quite different. And of course I miss the sea. If you come to Scotland you really must go up to the North-West coast and see the Hebrides. That's the islands just off the coast there, and of course try to see the two great cities. Glasgow's a lovely warm lively city and Edinburgh's very interesting because it's the old historical capitol.

Glossary

Glasgow *grootste stad van Schotland* **industrial city** *industriestad* **Coatbridge** *kleine stad in Schotland*
needless *onnodig* **retired** *met pensioen* **climate** ['klaɪmət] *klimaat* **scenery** ['si:nəri] *landschap* **cyclist** *fietser*
cycle *fietsen* **numerous cycle tracks** *vele fietspaden* **rolls** *broodjes* **flower shop** *bloemist*
appreciate [ə'pri:ʃieɪt] *waarderen* **health system** *gezondheidszorg* **Hebrides** ['hɛbrɪdɪz] *eilandengroep, ca. 50 kilometer voor de noordwestkust van Schotland* **just off** *dichtbij* **Edinburgh** *hoofdstad van Schotland*

6 Sorry, but ...

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Helen

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Hi, how's it going? My name is Helen and I come from the South of Ireland. Umm, I was actually born in Cork City but I lived until I was about 20 in the South of Ireland with my family. At that point, I, uhh, emigrated to the Netherlands. My ... two of my sisters also emigrated at the same time and they live at the moment and they still live in England. Only one sister still lives in Ireland. Umm, why did I come to the Netherlands? Umm, because I studied Germanic Studies, studied German and Dutch at university and thought, umm, it would be a good idea to go to the Netherlands to improve my Dutch. That's about, that's about 20 years ago now, and my Dutch isn't bad, I speak Dutch every single day at work and I also speak it at home. I also speak English of course at work, that's part of my job. Umm, I miss home of course, there's lots of things about home that I miss, family and friends and just the countryside in general and the sea. Umm, if you go to Ireland, what can I recommend, there are lots of things to see in Ireland. There's Dublin, the capital, which has got loads of historical sites which are really interesting. You've got, umm, Trinity College, the Guinness Brewery, if you like that kind of thing, Temple Bar's lovely to go out in the evening and my part of the country Cork, is just ... if I start to talk about that, we won't finish, then we've got the West of Ireland ... which ... where loads of, lots of people like to go, that's really the place to go if you don't like cities then that's a good place to get away into the, on to the beach, on to the coast walking and things like that. Hope you make it.

Glossary

Cork City *stad in het zuiden van Ierland* **at that point** op dat moment **emigrate** ['emigreɪt] emigreren
improve verbeteren **in general** in het algemeen **Dublin** *hoofdstad van Ierland* **loads of** heel veel
historical site historische locatie **Trinity College** *universiteit in Dublin* **Guinness Brewery** ['bru:əri] *Guinness brouwerij*
Temple Bar *stadsdeel van Dublin* **finish** *hier: stoppen* **make it** gaat lukken

7 Hit the road

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Marvin

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Hey, how's it going? My name's Marvin Baker and I'm 28 years old and I'm actually from nowhere because I'm an army brat. My dad was a soldier for the U.S. Army so we would always bounce back and forth between America and the Netherlands meaning I didn't really always ... I didn't have a home I guess. I'd have a home for two years and then we'd always move on. My dad's from Indiana and my mom is from the Netherlands. I have two little brothers and a little sister and I am engaged. I ... I'm engaged to a wonderful lady who was born and raised in the Netherlands but her parents are originally from Nigeria and, well, I grew up speaking the English language. I went to an American school until I was ten years old and that was like in the fourth grade and then

I went to a Dutch school. The things I like about the Netherlands are especially the food. I love food, I love bitterballen, I love stamppot, I love everything about it and Dutch beer. You don't get that kind of beer in America. And another thing I like is the culture, the churches, the museums. The thing I miss about the U.S. the most is probably, due to the fact of me growing up in the country, is probably the simple life. For instance, I don't know, harvesting corn with my grandpa or going fishing with my dad on Sundays or just picking raspberries in the backwoods or sitting on the porch in the evening and watching lightning bugs glow up the, the garden. That was, those are things that I really, really miss. Things you really have to see when you come to the U.S. would probably be the big cities such as New York City, umm, Chicago, L.A. and if you're really into music you definitely wanna go and attend the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Glossary

nowhere nergens **army brat** kind van een Amerikaanse soldaat **U.S. Army** Amerikaanse leger
bounce [baʊnts] springen **back and forth** heen en terug **Indiana** staat in Amerika **engaged** verloofd
raised opgegroeid **Nigeria** land in West-Afrika **grow up** opgroeien **due to** [dju:tu] vanwege
fact hier: feit **the simple life** het eenvoudige leven **for instance** bijvoorbeeld **harvest** oogsten **pick** plukken
raspberries frambozen **backwoods** (AE) afgelegen bossen **porch** (AE) veranda **lightning bugs** glimwormen
glow up the garden de tuin verlichten **Chicago** de derde grootste stad van Amerika **L.A.** (Los Angeles) wereldstad aan de westkust van Amerika **wanna (want to)** hier: moeten **Mardi Gras** carnaval in New Orleans **New Orleans** stad in het zuiden van Amerika

8 Rainbow nation

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Emiley

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Hello. My name is Emiley Vollmer. I was born in a country called Zambia and, umm, my parents come from South Africa. Uhh, the reason why I was born in Zambia is because my South African parents went into exile, that is now during the apartheid era where South Africa was under the, the, the apartheid regime and a lot of people escaped the, the, the tension in South Africa and hence the reason why I was born in Zambia and currently I live in, in South Africa, in Cape Town. I'm 32 years old. I have a sister and, umm I wish I had a brother but my parents live at the moment in Cape Town in South Africa. I'm married to one husband only, and that is culturally, you know there, there are a few cultures where, umm, you can marry a few, and, umm, so I only have one husband and

I have a son. His name is Neo. I speak English, umm, Zulu, Afrikaans. And at home with my husband I speak English and with my son Neo I speak English as well. And, umm, what I miss most about my, my country is the biltong, I love biltong, that's the dried meat, spicy dried meat that ... that you can buy in any sort of kiosk and I love eating biltong. Unfortunately, you can't find it here, because the weather it's too moist. And what you must see in South Africa for sure is the Table Mountain in Cape Town and you must, experience the diversity in the country, the culture, the rich culture, the ... the ... And you must also see, umm, the country itself, yes!

Glossary

Zambia land in Zuid-Afrika **exile** ['eksail] ballingschap **era** ['iərə] tijdperk **regime** [rei'ʒi:m] regime, bewind **escape** (ont)vluichten **tension** spanning **hence** [hents] vandaar **Cape Town** een na grootste stad van Zuid-Afrika **Zulu** taal van een stam in Zuid-Afrika **biltong** gedroogd vlees **moist** vochtig **Table Mountain** Tafelberg **diversity** [daɪ'vɜ:rsəti] diversiteit, variatie

9 Hopes & dreams

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EMILEY Goodbye. Cheers.

DANE Catch ya later guys. Hopefully, I'll see ya soon.

MARVIN Alright, so that's about it. Hope to see you around. Later.

PAUL Well, I'll be off then. See ya. Goodbye and take care.

SUDEEPTA Bye, see ya.

HELEN Slán leat! That's the Irish for goodbye.

KATE This is Kate saying all the best to you and do come to Scotland some time. You'll love it.

Glossary

cheers tot ziens **catch ya later** tot ziens/gauw **see ya** tot ziens **Hope to see you around.** Hopelijk tot gauw.
later tot gauw/later **take care** pas goed op jezelf **Slán leat** tot ziens (in Ierland) **all the best** het beste