

Personal Identity – Comprehension & Writing Prompts

Activity: Read the personal profiles of Maya, Tirhas and Muna.

Maya:

- Maya comes from Syria. She came to the UK as a refugee in 2016.
- She lives in private rented accommodation in Manchester.
- She has two sons and a new baby daughter.

Tirhas:

- Tirhas was born in Eritrea. She came to the UK last month.
- She is an asylum seeker. She lives with her husband and five children in temporary council accommodation.
- Her sister lives in the USA. She would like to visit her sister one day.
- Tirhas says the UK is very cold!

Muna:

- Muna is Lebanese. She came to the UK in 2012.
- She was granted leave to remain in 2016. She has opened a bank account.
- She can claim housing benefit and JSA (job-seeker's allowance).
- She goes to college three days a week to learn English.
- Her English is getting much better. She would like to find a job in a school as a teacher.

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Activity: Answer the questions about the personal identities.

1. Where does Maya come from?
2. Where does Maya live?
3. How many children has Maya got?
4. How long has Tirhas been in the UK?
5. Does Tirhas live in private rented accommodation?
6. What does Tirhas say about the UK?
7. What nationality is Muna?
8. When did Muna get leave to remain in the UK?
9. What benefits can Muna claim?
10. Where does Muna learn English?
11. What job would Muna like to do?

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Activity: Answer these questions about your own personal identity.

1. What nationality are you?
2. How long have you been in the UK?
3. What is your current immigration status?
4. What type of accommodation do you have?
5. Can you think of something you like about the UK?
6. Can you think of something you don't like about the UK?
7. Where do you learn English?