

Multiculturalism. Fiche de présentation possible.

Notion : space and exchanges **Thème** : multicultural London

Lien entre la notion et le thème : London is a patchwork (mosaïque) of many different cultural or racial groups :

- Three hundred different languages are spoken in London including Urdu. (CO n°2)
- Indians for example, represent 7% of the population.
- These different communities settled (s'installer) in various parts of London : the Chinese in Soho, the Bengladeshi community around Brick Lane.

= multicultural London is a good example to illustrate the notion of Space and Exchanges.

Problématique possible : all the people interviewed around Borough Market (CO n°1) seem to enjoy this cultural blending (mélange) but we can wonder what the limits of multiculturalism are.

P1. On the positive side :

- Many people in London come from different countries and grew up among other people from different nationalities = they got used to this mixity (the woman at the end of video n°1 speaks of a « melting pot »). They are used to eating spicy food for example, or see people who dress according to their native country.
- Jessminder, in the movie Bend it Like Beckham is a symbol of the success of multiculturalism : she reconciles her dreams of becoming a football player with her parents'Indian traditions. (voir pair-work correction)

Transition : However, reality doesn't always correspond to fictional representations.

P2 : On the negative side

- Racism is still alive (voir correction du pair-work Nadiya)
- Terrorist attacks in London: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jun/04/london-attacks-what-we-know-so-far-london-bridge-borough-market-vauxhall>

David Cameron, former British Prime Minister (ancien Premier Ministre) launched an attack (lancer une attaque) against the ethnic groups that do not respect the rules of integration.

- Women's rights are threatened (forced marriages).
- Reproaches groups for sticking strictly to their traditions and refusing to adopt a common culture.
- Underlines the fact that this attitude may lead to extremism and terrorism.

The measures :

- The government will stop funding (subventionner) the groups that do not respect women's rights
- All immigrants will be required to speak English.

One of the missions of school will be to teach a common culture.

Conclusion : don't forget to give your opinion (for or against multiculturalism) and develop a few arguments. (for example, the rise of Le Front National in France or the National Front in England...)