Country and Nationality Words - Discussion Questions

Works in groups of two to four students. Choose any questions you like from below and ask them to each other. If you want to know more about your partner’s answer, feel free to ask extra follow-up questions such as those in brackets below.

- Are you interested in any foreign sports teams? (What countries do those sports come from?)
- Can you cook any foreign food? (Which countries are those dishes from?)
- Do any foreign people live near you? (What foreign countries are they from?)
- Do you buy any imported food? (Which countries does the food come from?)
- Do you have any foreign contacts online? (Where are they from?)
- Do you have any foreign friends? (Where are they from? / What languages do they speak?)
- Do you like any foreign movie stars? (Where are they from?)
- Do you like any foreign music? (Where is it from? / What language is it in?)
- Do you like watching or doing any sports? (Which country are those sports from?)
- Do you own any foreign brands? (Which countries are they from?)
- Do you own any foreign goods? (Which countries are they from?)
- Do you work or study with any foreign people? (Where are they from? / What languages do they speak?)
- Do your favourite teams have any foreign players or a foreign coach? (Where are they from? / What languages do they speak?)
- Have you ever flown on a foreign airline? (What countries were they from?)
- Have you ever spoken English outside the classroom? (Who did you speak to?)
- Have you ever studied any other languages? (Would you like to?)
- Have you seen any famous foreign people on TV recently? (Where are they from?)
- Have you seen any foreign tourists recently? (Where were they probably from?)
- Have you seen any international sports events recently? (Where was it? / What countries were the players from?)
Have you visited many foreign countries? (How about just transferring between planes?/ Which was your favourite?)

Is this teacher your first foreign teacher? (Where were the other teachers from?)

What are the most beautiful languages, do you think? (What do you like about those languages?)

What are your favourite fashion brands? (Which countries are they from)?

What foreign countries have you visited? (Which were your favourites?)

What’s your favourite foreign food (to cook)? (What do you like about that food?)

Which countries’ food are difficult to cook? (What is difficult about those countries’ foods?)

Which countries’ foods are easiest to cook? (How often do you cook those foods?)

Which foreign languages are easiest to learn? (Why makes you think that?)

Which languages are probably most difficult to learn? (What makes you think that?)

Would you like to study any other languages? (Which ones?)

Ask your teacher about any questions above which you don’t understand, answering those questions after your teacher explains what they mean.

Brainstorm some typical answers to the questions above, making sure you add at least one new country or nationality word for each question (= at least 30 words).