

# UNIT 3: MANY PEOPLE, MANY BACKGROUNDS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you tried any of the following cuisines? Can you name a typical dish?

French	Indian	Chinese	Italian	English	Turkish
Korean	Greek	Mexican	Thai	Japanese	

Put them in order of preference. Can you name any other cuisines?

How many friends do you have from other countries? Where are they from? If they live in Spain, when did they arrive here?

What about friends who practice the same religion as you?

Do you think we live in a multicultural society?

In your opinion, which topics shouldn't be discussed with strangers in Spain?

Which problems do you think immigrants have to face when they move to Spain? Here you are some ideas:

- Poor employment prospects
- Bad housing
- Racial attacks
- People's prejudice and discrimination
- Lack of good schools

Do you think immigrants from different countries have to face different problems?

In your opinion, what could be done to fight discrimination?

## **WRITING**

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper giving your opinion about the problem or racism and proposing what should be done about it.

### **A LETTER TO THE EDITOR PROVIDING SOLUTIONS TO A PROBLEM**

**What is it?** It's a letter in which you discuss a problem and its causes as well as the expected results or consequences of your suggestions.

**Where can I find it?**

You can find this type of letters in newspapers, magazines...

**Structure**

**Introduction**

**Paragraph 1**

Opening remarks: Dear Editor,  
State the problem and / or the cause(s)

**Main body** (the number of paragraphs depend on the number of suggestions you want to make)

**Paragraphs 2-4**

suggestions and results / consequences

**Conclusion**

Summarise your opinion.  
Closing remarks: Yours faithfully,

**Useful vocabulary**

**To make suggestions:**

- A useful suggestion would be to...
- ... could be solved by...
- Steps should be taken in order to deal with...
- The situation could be improved if ... (+ past tense)
- It would be a good idea to... / if ... (+ past tense)

**To present results and consequences:**

- This would...
- Then...
- By doing this you /we / etc. would...
- The effect / result/ consequence of... would be...
- In this way...