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# Great Britain diversophy®

## Sample Cards

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When meeting a British person for the first time, he or she asks, “How do you do?” You should answer the greeting with:

- A. “How do you do?”
- B. A description of your health.
- C. “Good day.”

*Click on your choice.*



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- A. “How do you do?” is the proper form. Once this exchange of greetings has occurred, the discussion can move in other directions.

*If you chose the best answer, keep this card. If not, discard it.*



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*Knickers* in Britain are:

- A. Underwear.
- B. Baggy trousers.
- C. People who create graffiti in London.
- D. A brand of British candy bar.

*Click on your choice.*



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A. Underwear is the correct answer. When someone's "knickers are in a twist" it means that the person is upset. Wouldn't you be, too?

*If you chose the correct answer, keep this card.  
If not, discard it.*



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You have given up your upbeat, hard sell approach to convincing the Britons and have learned to approach them with understatement, subtle wit and ironic humor.

*How do you think, feel, or react to this situation? Tell your team, and then keep this card.*



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As a US engineer you were delighted to hear your British manager say that you had been doing “quite a good job.” You were a bit shocked when you later learnt that “quite” in this context in Oxford English means “rather,” and not “very,” as it does in US English.

*How do you think, feel, or react to this situation? Tell your team, and then discard this card.*



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“I love negotiating with the English. I get a real kick out of them—they are so totally fuzzy, but they have an incredible sense of intuition. They never proceed on the basis of a theory—they feel their way forward step by step.”

*An anonymous French manager*

*After reading this card aloud, any team member, including you, may comment on it. Keep this card.*



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A.S. Byatt, an English woman of letters, confesses to “a desperate disgust with the dismal Tory images of Englishness: mangy lions, waddling bulldogs, heritage..., insularity and cosy pomp.” Share with your team a stereotype of the English that you have come to question or find untrue.

*After you share, your teammates will each in a word or two tell you something they have come to like about England or the English. Keep this card.*





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