

Country and nationality words reversi card game

Instructions for teachers

Choose the set(s) of cards that you want to use – they are in approximate order of difficulty below, with the easiest ones first. Cut up the cards in three columns (not six columns) and single rows, so that the two versions of each are still attached to each other, e.g. “I am from Australia” is still connected to “I am Australian”. Fold the cards so that the two versions are on opposite sides, or ask the students to fold the cards after you give them out (to save you time and to give them a brief look at the words they will need to produce in the game).

Students spread the cards across the table, either side up, then take turns guessing what is on the other side of cards and turning them over to check. One person continues guessing and checking cards until they make a mistake, leaving all the cards they got right the other way round after they turned them over to check. If you want to play for points, they get one point per correct guess of what is on the other side, plus ten bonus points for doing every card on the table without making any mistakes. They can start with any cards they like each time, so they can do the same cards as their partner just did and/ or the same cards as they did last time. Students continue until the teacher stops the game. They could then play the same game with a more difficult set of cards, e.g. using a single-word version the second time but still saying two full sentences with each word.

If the game is too challenging, you can let them work together rather than competing (with the same rules) and/ or take a look at both sides of all of the cards then continue playing.

Cards to cut up

Full sentences version

I am from Australia	I am Australian	I am from Thailand	I am Thai	I am from Switzerland	I am Swiss
I am from Spain	I am Spanish	I am from Japan	I am Japanese	I am from China	I am Chinese
I am from Korea	I am Korean	I am from Taiwan	I am Taiwanese	I am from Britain	I am British
I am from America	I am American	I am from France	I am French	I am from Russia	I am Russian
I am from India	I am Indian	I am from Vietnam	I am Vietnamese	I am from Indonesia	I am Indonesian

Contractions version

I'm from Germany	I'm German	I'm from Holland	I'm Dutch	I'm from Austria	I'm Austrian
I'm from Turkey	I'm Turkish	I'm from Greece	I'm Greek	I'm from Italy	I'm Italian
I'm from Portugal	I'm Portuguese	I'm from Brazil	I'm Brazilian	I'm from Mexico	I'm Mexican
I'm from Canada	I'm Canadian	I'm from Poland	I'm Polish	I'm from Egypt	I'm Egyptian
I'm from Malaysia	I'm Malaysian	I'm from South Africa	I'm South African	I'm from Sweden	I'm Swedish

Different pronouns version

I'm from Norway	I'm Norwegian	You're from Finland	You're Finnish	He's from Bosnia	He's Bosnian
She's from the Czech Republic/ Czechia	She's Czech	It's from Argentina	It's Argentinian	We're from Wales	We're Welsh
They're from Ireland	They're Irish	I'm from Peru	I'm Peruvian	You're from Iceland	You're Icelandic

Single word versions

Australia	Australian	Thailand	Thai	Switzerland	Swiss
Spain	Spanish	Japan	Japanese	China	Chinese
Korea	Korean	Taiwan	Taiwanese	Britain	British
America	American	France	French	Russia	Russian
India	Indian	Vietnam	Vietnamese	Indonesia	Indonesian

Germany	German	Holland	Dutch	Austria	Austrian
Turkey	Turkish	Greece	Greek	Italy	Italian
Portugal	Portuguese	Brazil	Brazilian	Mexico	Mexican
Canada	Canadian	Poland	Polish	Egypt	Egyptian
Malaysia	Malaysian	South Africa	South African	Sweden	Swedish

Norway	Norwegian	Finland	Finnish	Bosnia	Bosnian
the Czech Republic/ Czechia	Czech	Argentina	Argentinian	Wales	Welsh
Ireland	Irish	Peru	Peruvian	Iceland	Icelandic