

## Between two worlds

What's it like growing up in a mixed-race family? Watch 15-year-old Tillie talking about her experiences.

### Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

#### Vocabulary

1. .... PE
2. .... a skin tone
3. .... mixed race
4. .... a birth name
5. .... to embrace something
6. .... a complexion
7. .... to justify something
8. .... plantain

#### Definition

- a. a person whose parents are from different racial groups
- b. physical education; sports classes at school
- c. the colour of your skin
- d. to give a good reason for something
- e. the natural appearance of the skin on a person's face
- f. a tropical fruit similar to a banana with green skin
- g. the name you were given at birth, when this is different from your usual name
- h. to accept something enthusiastically

### Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	<b>Answer</b>	
	True	False
1. Tillie lives in Leeds, in the north of England.	True	False
2. Tillie's dad is English and her mum is Ghanaian.	True	False
3. It's impossible for Tillie to tie her hair up with a small hairband.	True	False
4. Tillie had to miss PE because she didn't have her sports clothes.	True	False
5. Some people don't believe that Tillie is mixed race because she has a light complexion.	True	False
6. Tillie likes eating plantain.	True	False
7. She likes the fact that Jamestown in Ghana is different from Leeds.	True	False
8. Tillie feels that she has the same problems as when she was six.	True	False

**Task 2**

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

culture	countries	originally	half
embrace	mixed race	skin tones	birth name

1. I'm ..... Ghanaian.
2. Having two parents from different ..... is really cool.
3. You get to experience two different cultures and create your own .....
4. I had to justify that I'm ..... too.
5. Everyone comes in different .....
6. My grandad's ..... from Jamestown.
7. In England a lot of people know me as Tillie, but my ..... is Amatillie.
8. I want to ..... where I'm from.

**Discussion**

Do you, or any of your friends, have parents who are from two different cultures?

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. g
5. h
6. e
7. d
8. f

### Task 1

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False

### Task 2

1. half
2. countries
3. culture
4. mixed race
5. skin tones
6. originally
7. birth name
8. embrace