

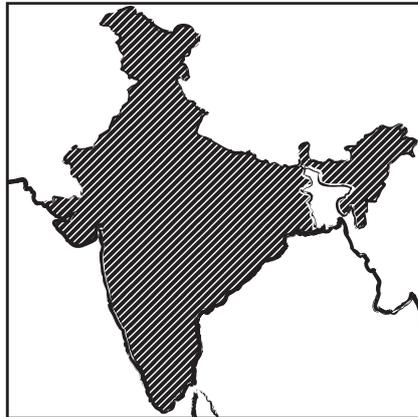
PLURILINGUAL WORKSHEET

Words from India, Australia and the Caribbean

1 Work in pairs. Match the place names with the maps.



1 Caribbean Islands



2 Republic of India



3 Australia

2 Read the text and answer the question: why is English spoken in these three places?

- English is the national language in Australia and in parts of the Caribbean.
- English is the second national language in the Republic of India. The first national language of India is Hindi.

Why is English spoken in these places? The answer is because the British governed these countries for hundreds of years. They made English the language of government. The British made money from plants and animals on these lands because the British government made the laws.

From 1947–1958 the British government agreed to leave these countries. However, the English language has stayed in these places. The English game, cricket, is also still a popular game in all three places!

3 The English language also changed because the language travelled to new people and places. Read the text and underline the words that came into English language.

English words from the Caribbean

The original people in the Caribbean died in the years after the arrival of Europeans in 1492. They could not survive the European guns and diseases. The British and other Europeans took some new words from these Caribbean people: *canoe*, *papaya*, *barbecue*, *hammock* and *hurricane*.

English words from India

In the 19th century 20,000 British people lived in India. The British made money because they took cotton, silk and tea from India. The British in India used words from the Hindi language, such as *cotton*, *pyjama*, *jungle*, *bungalow* and *shampoo*.

English words from Australia

The British called the people already living on the land in Australia, Aborigines. The British had never seen before a strange animal that hopped along the ground. They used the Aborigine name, *kangaroo*. Other words from the Aboriginal language came in to English: *koala*, *budgerigar* and *boomerang*.

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4a Put the words you underlined in the text into the table.

	Animals	Food and cooking	Weather and landscape	Materials and liquids	Other objects
Words from the Caribbean					
Words from India					
Words from Australia					

4b How similar are these words in other languages you know? Which letters and sounds are different in German?