

Extend Your Listening What's for English

Do You Admire Your Country?

Key Words

Trust, Admiration, Pride, Patriotism. Research. Survey. Poll. Data. Attitudes.

Pre-Questions

1. Do you trust your country?
2. Do you admire your country?
3. Do you have pride in your country?
4. Are you patriotic?
5. Whom do you trust? Your politicians? Your generals? Your leaders?
6. What do you admire? Your history? Your constitution? Your laws?
7. What are you proud of? Your institutions? Your technology? Your ancestors?
8. How patriotic are you?
9. Do you think more Chinese trust their country than Americans do?
10. How much admiration do you think Austrians have for their country?
11. Are the British patriotic?
12. How would you measure a people's trust in their country?

Post Questions

Answer True or False

1. Only European countries are on the list.
2. The graph is based on research carried out by the Economist.
3. The country with the highest score is Austria.
4. The graph shows that 90% of Australians admire their country.
5. Japan is one of the countries scoring in the middle.
6. Canadians have a high level of trust in their country.
7. Canadians are proud because their country keeps most immigrants out.
8. Australia may be a lucky country because it would be difficult to feel the effects of a nuclear war down there.
9. Australia has a relatively low population but many natural resources.
10. Singaporeans admire their country because of its high level of economic development.
11. An American would believe that Singapore has a very different political system than that in the United States.
12. Americans are not very united right now.
13. All Americans love the free market and the capitalist system.

14. Some Americans believe that there is too much wealth concentrated in the hands of a very few.
15. South Africans should admire their recent history.
16. Brazilians have a very high level of admiration - perhaps because they admire their government.
17. Japanese people may be depressed these days.

Choose the correct word forms

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Answers:

True and False:

1. F; 2. F; 3. F; 4. T; 5. F; 6. T; 7. F; 8. T; 9. T; 10. T; 11. T; 12. T; 13. F; 14. T; 15. T; 16. F; 17. T.

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