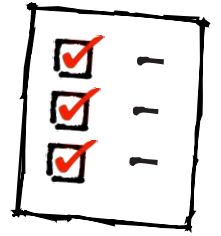


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## Day Two

# Are You Multicultural?

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- many students have a hard time deciding which racial category to check off
- People in the U.S. are expanding their concept of race
- the U.S. government conducts a census
- One of the census questions asks people to indicate their race
- the percentage of Americans who identify as multicultural
- youth who identify as multiracial outnumber those who identify as White

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### Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word is a smaller word within a longer word, with no endings or other word parts added.

skinned	difficulty	outnumber
actually	percentage	meaning



## Day Two

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# Are You Multicultural?

### Part 2: Last read

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Lauren’s father is from Antigua. Her mother is from China. She has lived her whole life in Brooklyn, New York. She has brown skin and straight, black hair. At her middle school, she is a member of the Black students’ club, but she doesn’t know many other West Indian students. She is also the only brown-skinned member of her Chinese dance troupe.

Lauren said, “I never know what to say when people ask me what race I am. Sometimes I give different answers, depending on who is asking.” While some people may have no difficulty speaking about their race, for many people, defining race is not that simple. When applying to college, for example, many students have a hard time deciding which racial category to check off.

The meaning of “race” is complex. When some people think about race, they think about skin color. But when others ask about race, they actually want to know where your family came from.

People in the U.S. are expanding their concept of race. Every 10 years, the U.S. government conducts a census of the entire population. One of the census questions asks people to indicate their race. In 1977, Americans could only check one of four categories on census forms. But in 2000, people could choose from nine racial categories. Over the years, the percentage of Americans who identify as multicultural has also increased. In some areas now, youth who identify as multiracial outnumber those who identify as White.

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

If you were Lauren, what would you say about your race?

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Check with your partner. Would your partner say the same thing or something different?