



Some characteristics of British people

They are stiff upper lip. The grin-and-bear attitude in the face of adversity or hardship is still apparent today.

Flat voice when communicate. It seems that they don't have strong emotions, but they do, they just prefer not to display them in public. Some even avoid public displays of affection or any strong emotion like sadness, grief or anger.

They seem distant and very reserved. This is because they like to have their personal space and prefer to maintain a little distance between themselves and the person they are speaking to or they are friends with. In the south of England good friends see each other twice or three times a year.

What expats need to know about people in the UK

It is vital to learn as much as you can about how British people behave and think. Working and living with people from a culture different than yours demands flexibility, adaptability and open-mindedness.

British are people who are born in England, Wales, Scotland (Great Britain) and the province of Northern Ireland with a diversity of social classes and cultures. These three countries form the United Kingdom. Traditionally, the British are polite, reticent and circumspect, but even more are English people from the south of England. These are not only geographical distinctions but expats need to realize that these are different nations with a very strong sense of identity and nationalism therefore it is imperative that expats do not confuse them. They need to be addressed as English, Welsh, Scots or Irish if their identity have been disclosed and not use the word "British" if you are referring directly to each in particular. Confusion can cause offence.

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