



# New Internationalist

The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice

# Fundamentalism and the UK

NEW INTERNATIONALIST EASIER ENGLISH  
PRE-INTERMEDIATE READY LESSON

# Countries – find yours and compare

World, August 2013



# Today:

- **Grammar:** practise comparatives
- **Vocabulary**
- **Speaking:** to discuss
- **Reading:** to understand main ideas

# Differences : your country and the UK?

Food?



Religion?

Clothes?



Education?



Freedom?

Jobs?

Ideas?

eg.

In Algeria, food is hotter than in the UK.

In Pakistan, there are more children in classes than in the UK.

Houses?



# Match:

1/ queue

2/ tolerance

3/ to accept

4/ to respect

5/ junk food

6/  
democracy

a) food like burgers and pizza that is not very good for your health



a) to agree that something is OK

b) to stand in a line waiting



c) a form of government where the people choose the leaders

d) accepting people who are different from us, or have opinions that are different from ours

e) to admire something or someone



# What is “British”?



- Fish and chips
- Democracy
- Follow the law
- Tolerance
- Junk food
- Respect the opinions of other people
- Christian religion
- Shopping
- Accept all religions
- Be on time
- Queues
- Freedom

**1/Fundamentalist**

**Match:**

**2/Terrorist**

**3/Extremist**

a) someone who has extreme  
(very far from centre)

**4/Radicalisation** political or religious views

b) someone who believes, very strongly, every word of a religious book or traditional form of their religion

c) when someone becomes extreme

d) someone who uses violence, bombs or fire to try to get political or social change

**Why do some people  
like fundamentalism?  
(think of 3 reasons)**

1.

2.

3.

(then read next slide to find out)

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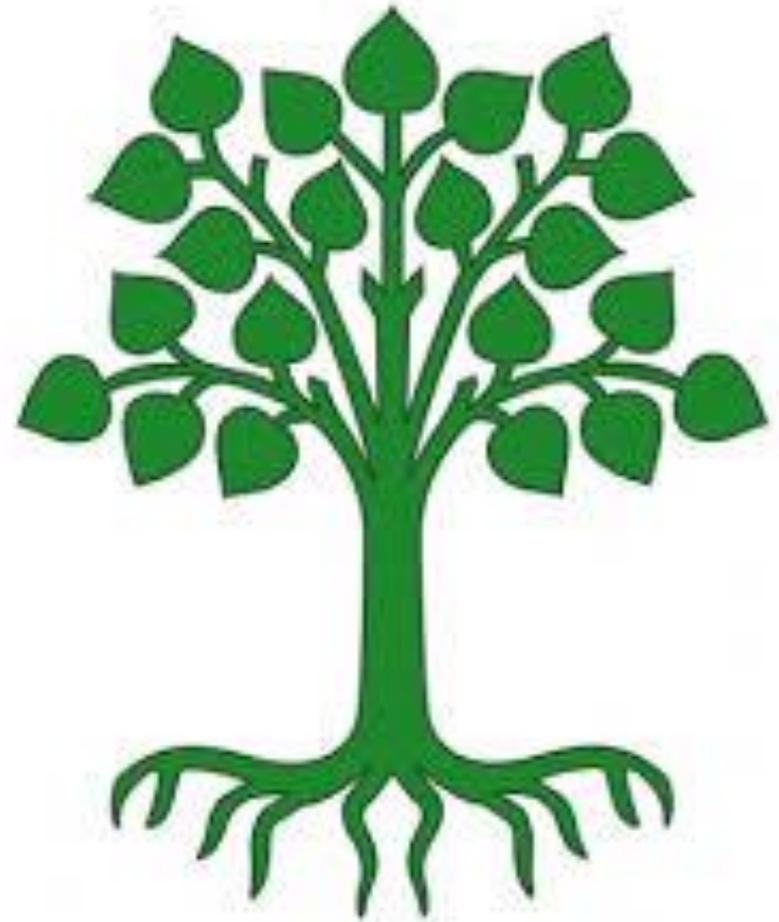
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# Fundamentalism / extremism tree.

In groups draw a tree:

So....(results  
of fundamentalism  
and extremism): →

Why? (causes of  
fundamentalism  
and extremism): →



What have you learnt today? – tell  
your partner

**Grammar**

**Vocabulary**

**Speaking**

**Reading**

# Homework

Read and discuss some more Easier English articles about different types of fundamentalism around the world:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Issue\\_483](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Issue_483)

(the first 5 articles are about fundamentalism)

