

New Internationalist

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

Fundamentalism



New Internationalist Easier English
Ready Upper Intermediate Lesson

This lesson:

Speaking: about fundamentalism

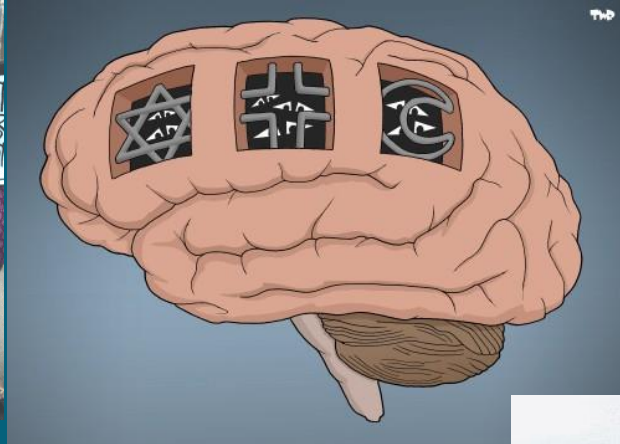
Vocabulary: match

Reading: jigsaw, reading 3 texts

Speaking: discuss the 3 questions again



What is fundamentalism?



Vocabulary

- match

1/ dominant

2/ secularism

3/ diaspora

4/ to preach

5/ blasphemy

6/ intolerance

7/ extremist

8/ ideology

9/ to radicalise

10/ madrassa

a) Someone the speaker thinks has extreme political or religious opinions and could use violence

b) Insulting God or holy things

c) To teach a religious message or belief

d) Islamic religious school

e) Most important

f) Not respecting beliefs or opinions that are not the same as your own

g) To make someone believe extreme opinions

h) A group of people who were born in one country who now live in many different countries

i) Separation of government from religion

l) A system of beliefs, usually political

Questions: discuss

1/ Why are people attracted to fundamentalism?

2/ What are the problems associated with fundamentalism?

3/ Can you find some examples of fundamentalism from Christianity, Islam and Hinduism?

Jigsaw reading:

Divide into 3 groups. As you read, think about the 3 questions and highlight/underline parts in your text that answer them:

A reads 'Why is fundamentalism attractive to many?':

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Why is fundamentalism attractive to many%3F](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Why_is_fundamentalism_attractive_to_many%3F)

B reads 'Choose your fundamentalism in Pakistan'

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C reads 'Hindu fundamentalism' :

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Now get into groups of **A, B & C**

And discuss these 3 questions again, after reading:

**1/ Why are people attracted to
fundamentalism?**

**2/ What are the problems associated
with fundamentalism?**

**3/ Can you find some examples of
fundamentalism from Christianity,
Islam and Hinduism?**

Homework:

Read the other 2 articles you didn't read, and read the original articles too (by clicking on the link at the bottom).

