

Discussion - Nationality? Ethnicity?

Exempel 1.

David Anderson Lives in Stockholm, Minnesota, USA. He is 87 years old. He is born in the States and he has never been to Sweden. Since his parents, Ruth and Hjalmar Andersson, kept their Swedish citizenship, David did the same. David speaks Swedish since his parents spoke Swedish to him when he was growing up. His own kids, Rachel and Anders, doesn't speak Swedish. They kept many of the Swedish Traditions in the family, every year they celebrate Midsummer and sing "sma grodorna, sma grodorna ar lustia at sea." before they eat herring and Jansson's Temptation that they purchase at the local IKEA.

Is David Swedish?

Exempel 2.

Gustav Müller was born in East Germany in 1979. The family moved to Stockholm when Gustav was five years old because his father Gert-Günter got a job as a STASI-agent there. When Gustav was ten years old the Wall came down and on his eleventh birthday East Germany ceased to exist. Daddy Oh went back home but Gustav and his ugly baby brother Sven stayed in Stockholm with mum.

Today Gustav is a Swedish citizen, he speaks fluent Swedish. He becomes extremely upset if somebody cuts the queue, but he doesn't say anything because he doesn't want people around him to think that he's drunk.

Is Gustav Swedish?

Exempel 3

Töhötöm Bornemissza is born in Budapest, in 1956 he flees to Sweden, with him is his dear wife Margit. A week after his arrival he gets a job at Åkerlund & Rausing in Lund. He learns Swedish but never drops the hungarian accent, and can't for the love of his life here the difference between the words "dyka" and "duka". He is still a hungarian citizen. In 1989 he goes back to Lake Balaton and lives a pleasant life as a pensioner there. He gets a Swedish pension every month. Once a year he returns to Sweden and goes to Ullared to buy cheap white sportsocks, ("tubhossor" in Swedish.)

Is Töhöttöm Swedish?

Exempel 4.

Gregor von Fratenspröt is born in Sweden, when he is 25 years old he and his bratty friends make Yuppie-career. He "flees" to Mallorca where he lives a luxurious life with his toothless wife and two very boring kids, Hernan and Juanita. He pretends that he doesn't understand Swedish, doesn't speak a single word Spanish and speaks an English that would make his teacher cry a river. When asked if he longs back to Sweden he answers "No, no you, never that I sit my foot in Sosse-Sverige again. I lives life here and thär is no cow on the ice with money here.". He is no longer a Swedish citizen.

Is Gregor Swedish?