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Key for teachers

Key Task 1:

What does multiculturalism mean:

- when more than one cultural group influences a person or a community
- recognizing and appreciating the value of all of the cultures around you

What does multiculturalism involve?

- language and communication practices
- religion
- family
- food
- celebrations
- attitudes towards work and other areas of life

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Key Task 2 – Reflection (possible answers)

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Information that could be discussed in more detail:

- Linking work and cultural background
- Māori culture in New Zealand
- Social/ welfare system of Germany and how it supports the people

Criticism:

- Fact that there are still a lot of differences visible between immigrants and locals
- German people not being very tolerant
- Minority of Māori's in New Zealand having to fight for the survival of their culture

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Key Task 3

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- → probably students give more answers than in the first task

Are you or people you know challenged by a multicultural background? (possible answer: yes)

- in terms of learning the language or having disadvantages because of an accent or problems in speaking/understanding
- in terms of finding work or getting paid equally
- in terms of being treated with prejudice

What could societies in Germany and New Zealand do to improve life together in a multicultural community? (possible answers)

- organizing events where people from different backgrounds come together
- discussing multiculturalism
- fight for acceptance of differences between people, fight for tolerance and minimize prejudice
- highlighting equal rights of all people
- celebrating events and cultural holidays together
- improving the social systems and supporting each other

