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Topic 3 Ethnic differences in achievement
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Activity: Webquest
The school where they speak 20 languages

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Evaluate cultural deprivation theory in relation to linguistic skills.

Not one pupil at the Peterborough school speaks English as a first language. But despite the challenges, it has received a glowing Ofsted report.

A. Use the links below to find out about Gladstone school in Peterborough.

1. BBC

Watch the clip and read the article.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-21589931>

2. The Guardian

Read the article.

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2013/feb/28/school-20-languages-gladstone-primary>

B. Write a summary of how the information in the articles challenges the view of cultural deprivation theorists that lack of linguistic skills is a major cause of underachievement.