

London's Languages Syracuse Symposium



GUJARATI Language Passport

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Place of Origin:
India



*London boroughs
most spoken in:*
**Ealing, Brent,
Harrow**

Some facts about Gujarati:

- there are huge Gujarati speaking communities in Southern Africa
- the English word ‘bungalow’ is a loan word from Gujarati
- there are no indefinite or definite articles in Gujarati (there isn’t an equivalent for ‘a/an’ or ‘the’)
- there are three grammatical ‘genders’: inanimate, as well as masculine or feminine

Idioms Exercise

Review the phrases below. Speaking with your group (but without Googling!), guess the meaning of each idiom.

Phrase: મગજ ની કાઢી ના કર (Magaja nī kāḍhī nā kara)

Literal Translation: don't make curry of my brain

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: તું કાચું લીંબુ (Tuṃ kācuṃ līmbu)

Literal Translation: you are a raw lemon

What we think it means: _____

Phrase: તું ભસીસ ? (Tuṃ bhasīsa?)

Literal Translation: will you bark?

What we think it means: _____
