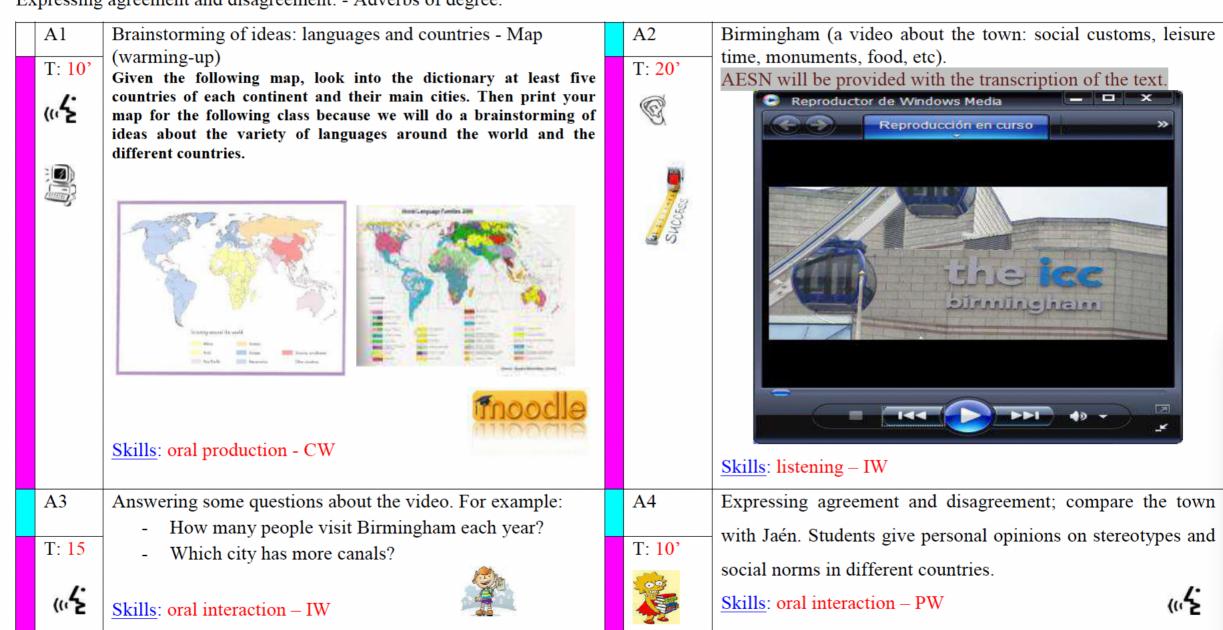
## SESSION 2: Birmingham - Values Education: Education for cultural equity - Moral and civic education - ID links: Geography

**Key competences:** Competence in Linguistic communication - Social and civic competence - Cultural and artistic competence - Digital competence. **Contents:** - Vocabulary about languages and countries - Where is Birmingham? (Locations) - Social customs. - Regions - Knowledge about the town. - Expressing agreement and disagreement. - Adverbs of degree.



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## 1. Introduction

Nowadays, learning two or more foreign languages is not only a right, but also a duty: in a multilingual continent as Europe is, students need to be able to communicate in at least a foreign language. In fact, the ability to communicate in one or several foreign languages is a current demand of the 21<sup>st</sup> century society.

Secondary schools in Merida have undergone a series of major changes over the last decade: the increase in the number of languages and cultures present in our educational system nowadays, due to the arrival of students from all continents, the implementation of plurilingual curricular projects in a large number of schools throughout our region and, thirdly, the integration of information and communication technologies in the teaching and learning process.

From this perspective, the aim of language education is profoundly modified. It is no longer seen as simply to achieve 'mastery' of one or two, or even three languages, taken in isolation, with the idea of native speaker as the ultimate model. Instead, the aim is to develop a linguistic repertory, in which all linguistic abilities have a place. This implies, of course, students have the opportunity to develop a plurilingual competence. Furthermore, once it is recognized that language learning is a lifelong task, the development of a young person's motivation, skill and confidence in facing new language experience out of school comes to be of central importance.

The Didactic Course Plan (DCP) I have designed for the 4<sup>th</sup> Course of Compulsory Secondary Education serves to aid the instructor in planning and directing the education of the students in our specific course and subject. In this syllabus we will set the goals that we intend to reach (that is to say, key competences and objectives); the knowledge, procedures and conduct on which we will work (contents); the strategies, methods, activities, instruments and means that will help obtain them (methodology); and the way in which we are going to show that the process we have designed serves to reach what we have planned (evaluation).