

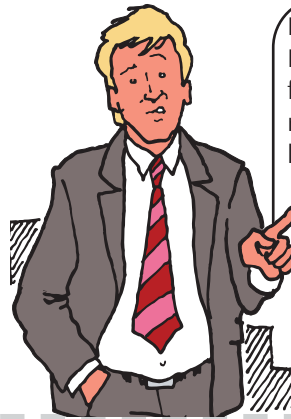
LESSON 2: Information Sheet 6

Opinion cards

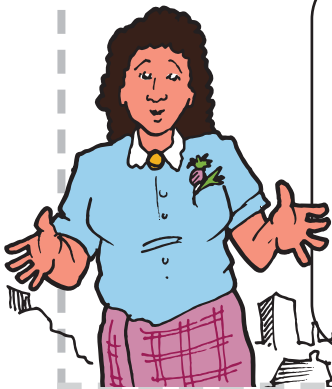
I think that Scotland should be an independent nation. Other small countries like the Republic of Ireland are big success stories – so could we. We have lots of energy supplies and we should be allowed to make our own decisions about things that affect us. We have been ruled by England for too long!



I am English and like the United Kingdom. We have been united for over 200 years and it works really well! On the other hand – lots of my taxes do help support Wales and Scotland – would we be better off without them?



Scotland must remain part of the UK. We rely on the UK economy to help support us and we are wealthier as a result. If Scotland became independent we would find it difficult to become prosperous – we would be so small. We do have a role in Europe as part of the UK – if we were independent we would be so small as to be insignificant.



Many people in Northern Ireland were involved in a struggle to remain part of the UK – some of our neighbours wanted us to become part of Ireland. I am proud to be a member of the United Kingdom – we should be united forever.



I am very proud to be Welsh. I like the fact that we have our own Assembly now but would be a little bit scared of Welsh independence – we are such a small country. Being part of the UK gives us security but that does not mean that we don't mind thrashing the English at sport when we get the chance!



I came to the UK in the 1980s and love it here. The UK gives me the wealth and security that I did not have at home. It would be a real shame if it was torn apart. My concern about the UK is that sometimes I don't feel like I 'fit' in – can the government do something to help that?



I love being part of a United Kingdom and am proud to be English. The UK is a great place to live and I like the variety that we see in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and places like Cornwall. The UK is really important to us.

