

Scottish, British, European?



Aggie MacKenzie

I'd definitely describe myself as Scottish.



Gary Lewis

I put the 'ts' in when I'm talking to foreigners, 'Yeah, I'm Scottish', aye.



Artie Trezise,
Gary Coupland
and Cilla Fisher
(The Singing Kettle)

(ALL): Scottish? Yeah, Scottish I think.
Scottish/European.
I'm Scottish- Glaswegian.



Louise Anderson

I'm very much a Shetlander and nothing else.



Shantelle & Andria

Scottish Traveller –
aye, Scottish Traveller.



Connor & Alan

I'd say I'd be Scottish.



Deepak

Scottish



Robert

I'm probably a combination of Hebridean and British.



Gordon Macrae

A Gael and a Scot.



Rachel

Both Ethiopian and Scottish.



Edward Henry

I think myself as Scottish, even although it's part of Great Britain.



Jamie Byng

I don't happen to be Scottish, but I feel Scottish in lots of ways.



John Callis & Faye Fife
(The Rezillos)

Oh, I think I'm Scottish actually – we will never surrender wur chibs.



Annie MacSween

As a' chiad àite tha mise dham fhaicinn fhèin mar Niseach.

(First of all I see myself as a Ness person)



Christina

Um... That mi smaoinichadh gun canainn gu bheil mi nam Albannach.

(I think I would say that I am a Scot)



Donald MacSween

Chan e Breatannach a th'annam idir agus cha chanainn gur ann às an Roinn Eòrpa a bha mi a bharrachd.

(I am not a Brit and I wouldn't say that I'm from Europe either)



Alan Greig

I definitely, definitely identify myself as Scottish first and then, if pushed – I can't imagine why someone wouldn't know where Scotland was but then I would say it's in Britain.

Scots abroad?



James Yorkston

My sister-in-law thought Scotland was a suburb in America.



Dr Helen Sang

If I go to meetings overseas and I'm talking about my work, people will assume I'm English and then I get very defensive and say 'I'm Scottish'.



James Yorkston

People ask you, 'where are you from?' and when you say 'Scotland' it's normally a pretty good answer.



Alan Greig

If you say you're Scottish, in Europe, more than you're English, they're a bit warmer towards you.



Malky McCormick

Wherever I go, when people realise you are from Scotland, they're very interested.



James Cuthbertson

In particular I think in America as soon as you mention you're from Scotland they want your full family history.



Kelly Curran

They've always got a story about someone in Scotland and everyone assumes that you know the person as well.



Samea Khan

When you are on holiday, when people go 'are you English?' because you speak with an accent that they recognise, you can go 'No, I'm from Scotland' and it changes a lot of things.



Craig & Charlie Reid
(The Proclaimers)

Sometimes they think you're Irish or Australian or Dutch even, but if you know that they know you're Scottish, they know tartan, they know bagpipes.



John Kellie

I think in recent times it's been easier to be a Scot, we seem to have come out from the shadow of our bigger neighbour.



Trevor Jamieson

It's sometimes easier just to let them think you're English, but sometimes you put them right, depending on how patriotic you're feeling at the time.

Reputation?



Katy Townsend

Whenever I say I'm Scottish, I always get a sort of 'Wooo.....wild!'



Rebecca Wallace

From experience, they think we're feisty.



Martin Clark

Party animals.



Fred MacAulay

Dour



Artie Trezise, Gary Coupland and Cilla Fisher (The Singing Kettle)

Drunk



Klaus Staubermann

Scotland in Germany has a reputation of being a rough, wild country in the north and I guess that's what made me coming up here.



Heather McVey

Some people would say we're dynamic and innovative, because we've created a number of innovations to the world and inventions.



Gary Lewis

See when I'm travelling, people always say *(in a French-type accent)* 'So, you're Scottish, Braveheart, patriotic – Scottish'.



John Loughton

There is a strong stereotype that perhaps I tick a number of boxes – being big, you know, ginger, harshly spoken.



Gillian Ford

I don't – I think it's an accent thing, that people think you're aggressive.



Carol Smillie

Em, and we all talk like *(using a high-pitched voice, false Scottish accent)* 'It's a braw, bricht moonlicht nicht the nicht' – and wear tartan.



John Callis &
Faye Fife
(The Rezillos)

I would say the biggest misconception is that Scottish folk are stingy.



Alan Greig

I think English people are much tighter.



Martin Clark

A lot people think that we, em, wear kilts chase haggis and drink whisky, but I mean I certainly don't – well only on the weekend anyway.

Characteristics?



Nat Hall

To me a Scotsman is – a person with a great sense of hospitality.



Isabella Brodzinska Very tolerant to us foreigners.



Ephraim Borowski Open, welcoming, friendly.



Alana & Kelsey Friendly and down to earth.



Ria Nearly every where you go they wave at you, even if you don't know them.



Amy Most of them are nice, but there's the odd one or two.



Gregor Henderson Scottish people are gregarious, hard-working.



James Simpson

Tolerant



Fred Macaulay

Generous



Martin Clark

Stubborn



Mary Norval

Pessimistic



Jenny Scott &
Dorothy Miller

Forthright



Niall Walker

Straight to the point.



Heather McVey

Whether you like it or no', they tell you the truth.



Phil Cunningham

Passionate



Hugh Robertson

Wur unique.



Kaye Adams

I – I think we're decent people.



Calum MacCrimmon, **Full of character.**
Ewan Robertson,
Donal Brown
(Breabach)



Colin McGregor

Quite – loud.



Jamie O'Rourke

Sometimes they can be a bit loud but not menacing.



Elaine Scott

Sometimes quite rough, but in a good way.



Blythe Duff

Very honest.



William McIlvanney

Sometimes to the point of cruelty.



Jamie Byng

I've always loved the Scots for their directness.



Kimho Ip

Mostly they are more direct than other people in Britain like the English people or maybe some of the other Europeans.



Alexia Graham

But they're not flamboyant and that's what I like about them.



Zuzanna O'Rourke

Never in a hurry.



Fiona

If Scotland are playing football, the whole country gets behind them, even though most people know that they don't have that much of a chance.



Gary Lewis

But I think there's a great richness and tremendous heart in a lot of people in this country.



John Loughton

I think just the happiest people you'll ever meet.

What do you miss when abroad?



Calum MacCrimmon,
Ewan Robertson,
Donal Brown
(Breabach)

Our communities are so strong and our people are so friendly that when you're away, you really do miss that.



Steven Thomson

If I travel outside of Scotland, I miss the clean, fresh air.



John Callis &
Faye Fife
(The Rezillos)

Being able to make a nice cup of tea.
Right



Blythe Duff

I quite like a decent cup of tea so, you know, Scottish water seems to – brew the right kind of tea. That's very, very sad!



Craig & Charlie Reid
(The Proclaimers)

Believe it or not, sometimes I actually miss the weather especially if you're in a very hot dry place for a long period. I'd agree with that and just family as well and the landscape.



Alana & Kelsey

The thing I miss most when I'm away from Shetland is my friends and family.



Irene Smith

I miss the starry skies, I think the skies up here at night are absolutely brilliant.



Kelly Curran

But there is something about coming back home to Scotland and having that reassuring wind blow in your face when you get off the 'plane.

Best things?



Gregor Henderson

The best thing about living and working in Scotland for me, is undoubtedly the people.



Heather McVey

The weather – naw! Eh, I think the people.



Malky McCormick

I love, I love the country, I love the people.



Elspeth Blair

Em, I like the people, so I do.



April McLean

The language, the culture.



John Kellie

And our history, again is something which I feel very proud of.



William McIlvanney

I like the Scots' refusal to be overawed by things.



Alex Norton

I love the way that people are very down-to-earth.



Gus Kerr

We've got a really good, well-developed sense of humour.



Trevor Jamieson

I think we're quite good at sarcasm.



Sanjeev Kohli

A sense of humour is prevalent in pretty much everyone here, I mean you meet obviously the odd bus driver.



Laura

There's lots of friendly people to chat to and I wouldn't be embarrassed to talk to any of my neighbours.



Dr Laurence Gruer

We've really re-discovered our national identity and there's a feeling that you know, the best is still to come.



Alan McHugh

I don't think we realise how well off we are here, I think living and bringing up a family in Scotland is possibly one of the best places in the world.

Worst things?



Calum MacCrimmon, Ewan Robertson, Donal Brown (Breabach) **What's bad about living in Scotland? I don't have any answer to that.**



Carol Smillie **The only think I **don't** like about living and working in Scotland is the narrow-mindedness.**



Niall Walker **People being jealous, if you're successful or suspicious if you're different.**



Aggie MacKenzie **It's not seen to be a good thing to 'blow your own trumpet' in any way.**



Alex Norton **There's a part of the Scots' character that likes to think that we're all Bravehearts and in reality, y'know, there's an awful lot of wee guys with grey shoes on wondering what their wife's got for their tea that night.**



Steven Thomson

It can be an incredibly small, insular place at times.



Alan Greig

I think like most people, we moan about the weather.



Maryanne Millar

Definitely don't like the weather.



Mark Headden &
Graham Jameson

The weather.



Lindsay Ashworth

The weather.



Katarina Grant

Perhaps the weather.



Shantelle & Andria The weather.



Iain Banks And the midges.



Sheila Johnson The weather's not brilliant, but it's character-building.



Laura Bennison As much as I enjoy it, I think the Scots drink too much.



Olga Wojciechowska Drinking culture – I really don't like it.



Siobhan There's some rude people.



Gary Lewis

I don't like the fact that we are, em – a subjugated nation.



Kiran Singh

I don't think Scotland has really got to grips with tackling it's problems of sectarianism, of racism and high levels of social apartheid including poverty.

Food?



Malky MacCormick

Potato scones, potato scones – fried potato scones. Yep, that is superb.



Chris Boyce

Haggis, neeps and tatties.



Ruairidh

I like mince and tatties.



Gordon Macrae

Venison



Martin Clark

Stovies



Kelly Curran

A cheeky Tunnock's teacake.



Lauren & Connor

Shortbread



Mark Headden &
Graham Jameson

I like an Aberdeen Angus steak.



Alexia Graham

Cranachan's very good, if you get a specially made one that's really nice.



Anne MacLean

Locally grown raspberries.



Jean Craig

Herrings, I do like herrings.



Mateur Jarzia &

Pawel Gorny
Mateur Jarzia

How do you call this food, it's in you know a stomach?

Haggis.
Haggis !



Ronald, Angus &
Gavin McLeod

Do you like haggis?

I've not really tried it before, but I probably would.



Kimho Ip

It's quite good to have deep-fried Scottish haggis.



Ewan Robertson
Calum MacCrimmon

Ewan Robertson
Donal Brown

I love haggis.

I don't like haggis. Anyone like black pudding?

Love black pudding.

No.



Klaus Staubermann I mean, I have tried fried Mars bars but I must say I haven't really gotten used to them yet.



Aggie MacKenzie Tablet! Oh, it's my nemesis.



Jeanna, Peter, Rowan & Lauren Brady Fish & chips!



Gillian Ford Em, Cullen Skink – it's a type of soup.



Mark Headden
Graham Jameson The wee Scotch pies.
Yeah, I em yeah – I quite enjoy a pie.



Sheila Vincent Anything! Anything that's fattening.



James Simpson

I was brought up on porridge and I don't eat porridge every day, but I like making porridge.



Iain Banks

I don't like porridge.



Dr Laurence Gruer

Well the thing I like about the food in Scotland is we've got great produce.



Dr Frank Rennie

I think we're really quite blessed here with the quality of food we have.



Zuzanna O'Rourke

The fish is just the best in Shetland.



Anthony

I liked smoked fish and I like mussels.



Sophia

I like salmon.



Leah

Locally made fish and chips.



Brian Johnson

Salt herring I suppose.



Craig & Charlie Reid
(The Proclaimers)

Fish cooked well I think is really good.



Elaine Scott

I have at least one Killie (Kilmarnock)
pie every single week.



Christina

'S toil leam chicken curry.
(I like chicken curry)



Catriona Murray

Bradan air a ghlacadh anns na h-Eileanan Siar.

(Salmon caught in the Western Isles.)



Ailsa

Chips and curry sauce.



Sanjeev Kohli

There's a few places now that will do you a haggis pakora, if you ask in the right language.



Jethro

I like the occasional reestit mutton.



Nat Hall

Which is very, very **salty**.



Findlay Smith

Another popular delicacy is the 'gugar' (*gannet*) which is harvested annually from the island of Sula Sgeir.



Logan

If I said all the things I liked, we'd be here for ages.



Ewan Robertson
Donal Brown
Ewan Robertson

Donal /Ewan
Ewan

Stag's testicles.
I wouldn't go for that either.
No, it's a delicacy, people eat it all the time.
Is it? /Aye. /Naw
Supposed to be good for you.



Emphraim Borowski

My favourite Scottish food is undoubtedly liquid.



Gary Lewis

Whisky – well, aye, whisky! I mean...



Gillian Ford

Not whisky. I hate whisky.



Edward Henry

Irn Bru



Shantelle & Andria (ALL): Irn Bru.



Lauren & Connor Irn Bru



Maryanne Millar Wonderful for curing hangovers.



Colin McGregor I've been told there's strawberries in it? But I'm not sure.



Jamie Byng Irn Bru – that's where I draw the line.



Steven Thomson Scottish water.

Scottish words



Colin McGregor

My favourite Scottish word is 'Fit Like'
(how are you, how's it going?)



Allison McKenzie

Baffies *(slippers)*



Martin Clark

Pull your **breeks** up *(trousers)*.



Rebecca Wallace

Too jimpit *(too tight)*.



James Yorkston

As braw's a crow *(very good – as good as a crow)*.



Phil Cunningham

Bahookie (*backside, bottom*)



Heather McVey

Blether (*talk, chatter*)



Alan Greig

Nyaff (*irritating person, usually small*)



Jeanna, Peter, Rowan & Lauren Brady

Cludgie (*toilet*)



Dr Laurence Gruer

Sleekit (*sly*) flibbertigibbet (*whimsical, flighty*)



Carol Smillie

Wheest. Gallus. Besom.
(**Quiet!** Cheeky. Cheeky girl or woman.)



Niall Walker

Ah'm pure made up, by the way.



Sanjeev Kohli

Galloot (*stupid*)



Jamie O'Rourke

Haste ye back.



Gus Kerr

We've got a lot o' glaikit weans in this school (*stupid children*).



Hugh Robertson

Jump through the muck and the glaur (*dirt and mud*).



Gary Lewis

Aye



John Callis &
Faye Fife
(The Rezillos)

(Both): Eh, oh, aye – aye but dinnae,
aye, but.



Gwyneth Guthrie

Oh my d'you know, I'm that scunnered
(*fed up*).



Iain Banks

Och.



Blythe Duff

“Och aye the noo” – we don't say that!



James Cuthbertson

Mockit, mingin' and boggin (*dirty*).



Rebecca Wallace

Mockit (*dirty*).



Hugh Robertson

We were always mockit as weans in Ayrshire.



Malky MacCormick

I'm so hungry I could eat a scabby-headed horse.



Dr Frank Rennie

Amadan (*Fool*)



James Simpson

Swithering
(*weighing things up, considering*)



Gwyneth Guthrie

Yer jaikets oan the shaky nils .
(*your jacket is on a shaky nail, literally your future or job hangs in the balance*)



Faye Fife
John Callis
(The Rezillos)

Away an' bile yer heid (*go and boil your head – a rude dismissal*)

Jings, crivvens, help ma' Bob.
(*general exclamations*)



Eòghann MacColl

Smùid (*mist*)



Mary Norval

Fankle (*tangled up or confused*)



Samea Khan

Dinnae ken (*don't know*)



Jenny Scott &
Dorothy Miller

Pappydoozler



Mark Headden &
Graham Jameson

Dreich (*miserable weather*)



James Simpson

Buarach//Bùrach
(*getting in to a muddle or mess*)



Katarina Grant

Wee (*small*)



Klaus Staubermann

Oh my favourite of course is 'wee'.



Sheila Johnson

Slester (*messy*)



Liam, Christopher & Jethro

Peerie (*small, wee*)



Nat Hall

Peerie (*small, wee*)



Christopher

Ony unkans (*Any news?*)



Alana & Kelsey

Da morn (*Tomorrow*)



Jethro

Doos enaff, affy piltick? (*right enough, you're an awful piltock – fish, fool*)



Kelsey

Smucks (*slippers*)



Vicky Featherstone

Jaggy (*sharp to touch*)



Jon Sandison

Foo's Doo? (*How are you doing?*)



Ria

Smoorikin is a kiss.



Maelyn, Rory & Anthony

Boy boy (*Hello! How are you?*)



Donald MacSween

Dè tha dol (*What's doing?*)



Louise Anderson

Spaegie (*muscular pain*)



Siobhan

Whit? (*What?*)



Kiran Singh

Ye wee bampot (*daft or mad person*).



Fiona

Skelpit (*slapped, smacked*)



Isabella Brodzinska

Lassie, is yer faither oot?
(Girl, is your father out?)



Shantelle & Andria

Stall wi' your manging, the hantles'
janing.
*(Stop what you're saying, they know
what you're saying)*



Kaye Adams

That was a right **stooshie** *(uproar, row).*



Annette Murray

Och well, that'll be fine then.
