

Gabby

The object means a lot to me as I was given it by a friend, so I respect it, a little dog, but anyway! I bought it because I always have it in my room, it is always there, it was the only thing that would fit into my pocket and that I could think of and also I've got loads of little teddy bears.

I consider myself Greek Orthodox and Cypriot. I go to English school but I am in the Greek community a lot. Like the friends I go out with mostly are Greek and even at my English school the people I hang around with are Greek. I don't have anything against anybody else but its like you can talk more and understand each other more when you're Greek and from the same background and the same country and stuff like that. You understand more about each other.

I think around my Greek school friends and English school friends I am sort of similar, a similar person, but I think my English school friends don't see me for like who I am, I think they see me as somebody different. I see myself as sort of English but my roots are Greek therefore I see myself as Greek. My culture is more English. I don't know really, I think it's good in some ways and it's bad in others. I mean good in I like where I live, it's all right, I've got lots of friends here. If I was in Cyprus I would probably get more freedom. Maybe not because a lot of people criticise in Cyprus like if one persons daughter stays in one night and one persons daughter goes out then they always criticise, they are quick to criticise and even over here, it's like my Mum goes, "if you're going to go out tonight they're going to be saying bad things about you. I can't let you out, I don't want them to think that you're whatever..." They care a lot about what people say especially in Cyprus. Over here its between the small Greek community, but over there it's like between the whole town. Everyone in the town knows what everyone else is doing. I think it still happens but on a smaller scale. You can go out somewhere and nobody will know, nobody will find out unless they actually see you. But if you're in Cyprus, if you're on your way there and someone sees you, especially if it's a small town, I think you're probably going to get caught.

Okay hi it's me again yeah. I'd just like to say that listening back on what I said, I notice that I've got a really, I'm really into the English culture because even the way I speak, my accent is very English. I'm very British. Even though I am from Cyprus a lot of Greek things have faded away probably. Especially a lot of the older cultures, the older things we used to do, they've probably faded away or I have no recollection of them. So I think that's a bit of a shame really. I'd like to have a bit of a more Greek accent because I don't like my accent.