

## Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

symbolise

mast

residence

influenced

nations

particular

post

countries

represent

specific

affected

house

## Skimming and scanning for information

Find the words above in the text below and highlight them.

### Flags

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Flags are used for many purposes – as decorations, to send signals, to communicate and to bring together people who share the same goals or interests. National and international flags make it easy to identify a country, a religion, an organisation or even a VIP. Flags can also be used to send important messages and warnings, even between people who don't speak the same language.

Flags are flown all over the world by all kinds of people – schoolchildren, shopkeepers, soldiers, sports stars, presidents and royalty. They are waved by crowds to show support for a national hero or team, and displayed outside government buildings to welcome VIPs from other countries. Royal flags are flown over a palace to mark whether the king or queen is in residence and, at sea, all ships must fly a flag to identify their nationality.

## Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 20 words.

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1. Write a paragraph number next to each box to match the paragraph to its main theme. (2 marks)

- Flag design
- The purpose of flags
- Where flags are flown
- What is a flag?

2. What three things can a flag's design be influenced by? (2 marks)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

3. List three locations where flags are displayed. (2 marks)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why are flags so important all around the world? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

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5. What abbreviation has been used to signify someone very important? (1 mark)

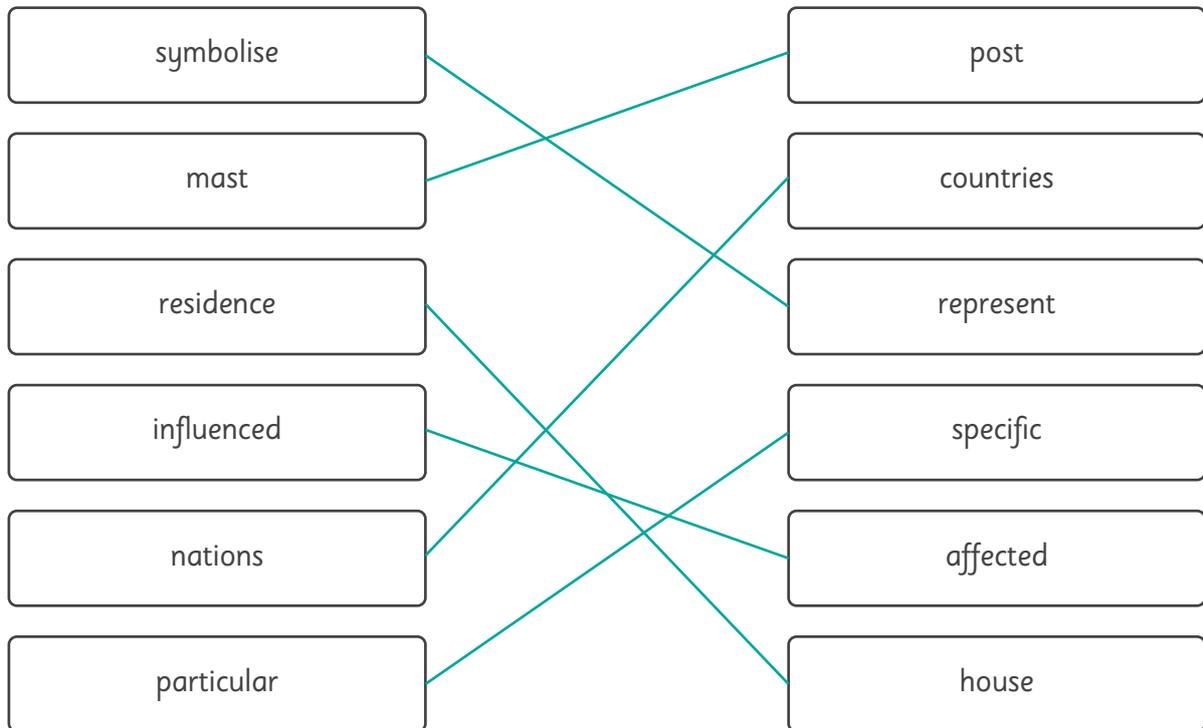
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- 2) over a palace
- 3) on ships at sea

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They allow communication even if people don't speak the same language.

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VIP

6. Find and copy a phrase which means "at home". (1 mark)

in residence