# EPISODE 5: 1968: SOFIA

Unit focus: History

Year level: Years 3–6

## EPISODE CLIP: SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE

## ACTIVITY 2: LANGUAGE BARRIERS

## Subthemes: Language and scripting; Multiculturalism; Social order and education

According to the 2006 Australian Government census, the Greek community is the seventh largest ethnic group in Australia. The Greek language is the fourth most common language in Australia (after English, Chinese and Italian). Many students study another language in school or outside school hours. Some students study a language that is the native tongue of their parents.

### Discover

- Ask students if they speak a language other than English at home or if they have relatives that speak another language. List these languages. Ask students if they were the first generation in their family born in Australia. If so, they would be classified as 'first generation'. If not, what generation are they?

### Reflect

- Ask students to create a data chart on languages other than English spoken at home. The chart can be completed electronically or as a poster for display.

- Ask students to survey other students within the school to gather information about the languages spoken. Create a chart of information gathered about the whole school cohort.

- Ask students to determine which cultures form the make-up of the school.

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- Student Activity Sheet H5.2: Languages other than English

## Languages other than English

Investigate which languages other than English (LOTE) are spoken by your classmates. Do their parents also speak languages other than English at home?

Collect the data on the chart and then add your information to a data chart or graph.

| Data chart: classmates | | | | |
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| Student's name | Generation Australian | LOTE spoken | LOTE spoken by parent 1 | LOTE spoken by parent 2 |
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| Data chart: school mates | | | | |
| Student's name | Generation Australian | LOTE spoken | LOTE spoken by parent 1 | LOTE spoken by parent 2 |
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