

Mysterious Foggy Albion



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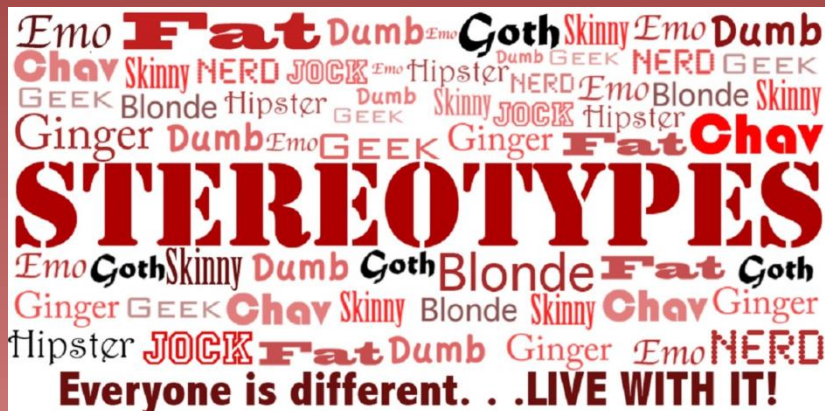
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Prehistory of our project:

Our friend was in London and told us about the opinions of the British about Russia. And of course, we knew a lot about Englishmen, but as a rule we were wrong about them in many ways in terms of their culture and history. So we had the idea to create a project about stereotypes in England.



Purpose: to identify the features of the reflection of national culture in stereotypes, to assess how stereotypical the perception of the English nation by modern Russian students.

Object: The most known false stereotypes in England

Hypothesis: Every country has its own false stereotypes)

Our tasks were:

- to define the concept of stereotype;
- to hold the social survey
- to find out whether there is stereotypical thinking in students
- to expose the main stereotypes

Methods:

- learning and analyze different literature about this theme
- questioning
- treatment and systematization of the information

Actuality of the theme:

- It is interesting theme. And of course it is important to know about history and culture other country

What is this STEREOTYPE?

A stereotype is a pre-formed mental assessment of something.



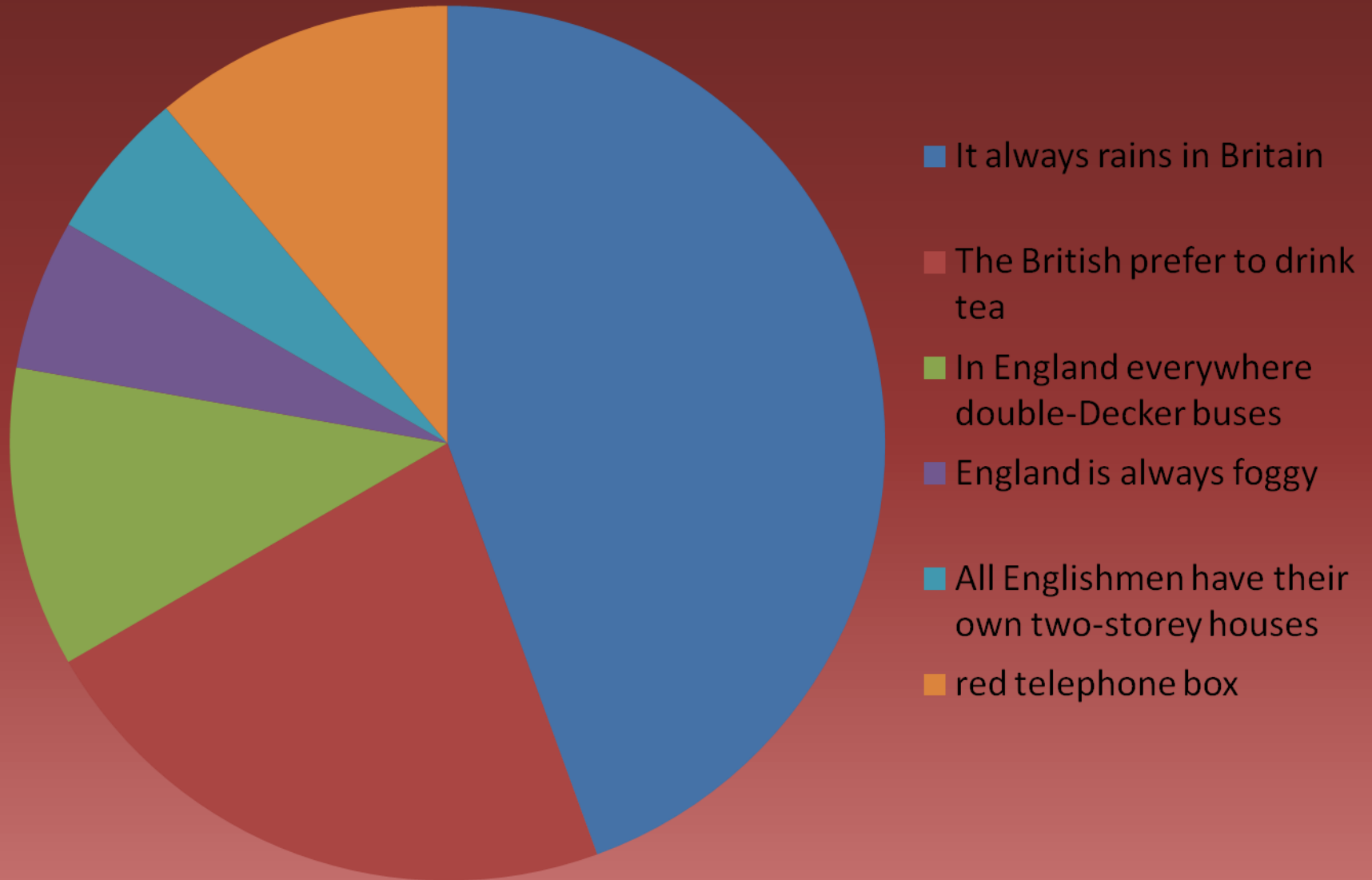
The concept of "stereotype" in the socio-political discourse of the West came from the light hand of Walter Lippman

To achieve the goal and obtain the necessary data for the analysis, we conducted an open survey. We used this method to create an open survey questionnaire:



What associations do you have with the words "England" and "Englishmen"?

Statistic



Survey data

In the English national character, the majority of students sees a mixture of different historical forms: the worship of traditions (afternoon tea) with the new forms of enterprise, courtesy along with poignant and ironic British humour, the cult of individual freedom with the restrictions of freedom in the whole society (law-abiding), politeness, sometimes close to hypocrisy (to leave without saying goodbye).



Thus, in the representation of Russian students about England and the British there are many traditional stereotypes, prejudices, preconceived opinions.

“Chic” of Britain

For some reason it seems that Britain as a whole is the apogee of the aristocracy and everything expensive. But even London is full of contrasts: twenty minutes by subway from the city center you can get to the slums, where the working class lives, and the level of criminality exceeds the statistics of Moscow. If in Moscow life flows more or less evenly, then London rushes from one extreme to another.



What's red in England?

Everyone knows that the English telephone booth and the English double-Decker bus should be red, and, for example, not green or black, few people know. In fact, the history of the red box and the bus is very interesting and informative.



It all began in the early 1950s, when England increased industrial power and built factories in any suitable territory for this country. Thus, London became hostage to the factories, which 24 hours were absorbed by coal and threw into the air a cloud of acrid smoke.



But given the geographical position of England, as well as its climatic conditions, which contribute to the formation of thick fogs and mixed with smog, these mists were simply murderous and such a density that, as they said in those days, "the appearance of an outstretched hand».

There have been many accidents.

People fell under the wheels of transport, could not find a phone to call an ambulance and the police.





Police officers took to the streets with lit torches and to specify the direction of the road to passing cars. In those years all the phone booths were black, as most of the buses. Black color in design car then prevailed over all the rest. All this has led to decisive action on the part of the government. First, it was decided to paint all the buses in a bright color that would be visible from afar, this color was determined by red. In the same color ordered to paint and telephone booths, which we can observe today.

London – city of rains

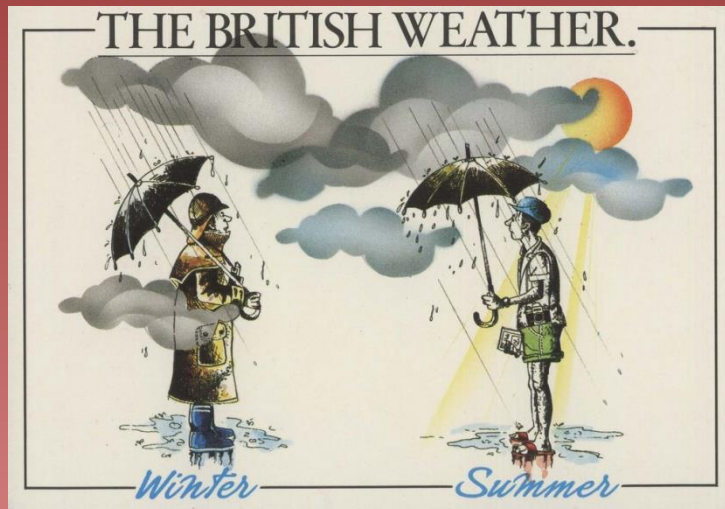
It is no secret that the weather in England can change several times a day, which makes it an invaluable and inexhaustible source of topics for conversation. The expression "lovely weather, isn't it?" - standard way to strike up a conversation. It is no secret that the rain here is also quite often. How often? Well, if you're lucky, every few days-that's for sure! Yes, Yes, that's right – there is no more rainfall than in many other cities around the world. The average annual rainfall here is 583 mm.





For comparison: in Paris – 649 mm, in Rome – 874 mm, and in Moscow – 707 mm. As well as everywhere, there are seasons when the rains are more likely than in other seasons, but in General the amount of precipitation is evenly distributed throughout the months, and this creates the impression of constant rains. By the way, the sun here too happens more often, than it is considered to be – it looks out almost every day, at least even for a couple of minutes.

Englishmen always speak about weather



Britain – the "Albion»



Albion was called the British Isles by the ancient Romans. This name is still used today, although in a humorous form, but the word "foggy", so tight with him friends, not quite true. Fogs on Albion actually no more than in continental Europe or in Russia.

Perhaps, here people imply "smog" covered London and other large industrial cities (the British was called his "pea soup"). Initially smog was formed as a result of furnace coal, from the middle of the last century it began to add car exhaust.

As a result, in 1956, the British Parliament passed a law prohibiting the burning of coal in large cities, and the smog was disappeared.

Today the air in London is one of the cleanest among the largest cities in the world. And fogs, of course, there are: sometimes in the early spring morning spreads over the green carpet of Kensington garden and Hyde Park – a truly hidden gem in the collection of London's wonders!



The British prefer to drink tea.

Of course, the tradition of tea in the UK is very strong, but few people know that coffee appeared in England almost 100 years earlier than tea - in the second half of the 16th century.

And today coffee in Britain is also very popular as tea. The number of coffee shops across the country is increasing every year, and when choosing a drink "takeaway" coffee is given absolute preference.



THE MYTH #1

WE ARE THE BIGGEST TEA DRINKERS IN THE WORLD

The British Empire may well have been built on cups of tea, but when it comes to our favourite beverage, we aren't top of the world's drinking charts. This title belongs to Turkey.

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Average annual tea consumption per person



TURKEY
6.961 POUNDS



IRELAND
4.831 POUNDS



UK
4.281 POUNDS



Flat white – a kind of latte, characterized by greater strength and soft texture, is gaining popularity in recent years.

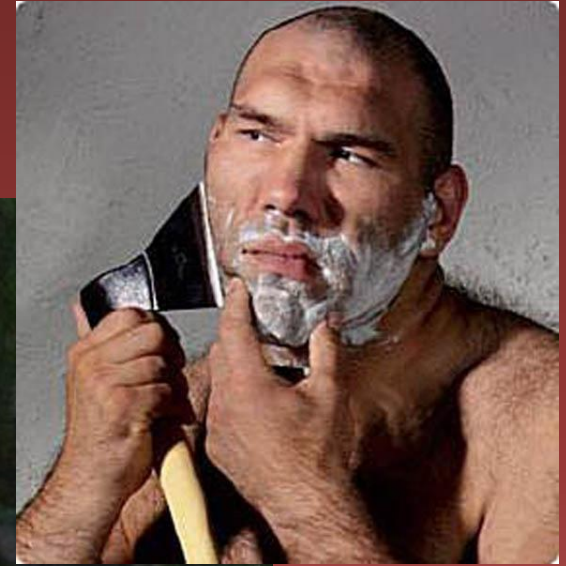
Tea remains a more homemade drink (probably because it is easier to prepare at home) and is traditionally drunk with milk, and first the Cup is filled with milk, and only then brewed tea.

Clever Englishmen

They're all very clever.
That's not so. Not everyone studied at Oxford or Cambridge, and a beautiful British accent does not automatically make them so. In this stereotype, the British blame Sherlock Holmes...



Stereotypes about Russian people



Conclusions:

Of course, while working on projects, we were faced with erroneous stereotypes, because people often become hostages of public opinion. Although generally a stereotype is a cage for the mind. And most of them do not differ from the truth. But stereotypes were and will be earlier because they are built into the system of individual values. Our goal was to identify false stereotypes in order to deal with them.



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