

Activities to do **BEFORE** you listen to the podcast

A Match the highlighted words in the following phrases and their meaning:

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| 1. Tough questions | a. choose |
| 2. You did it on purpose . | b. know something/ realize something |
| 3. They are able to handle stress, hate...etc. | c. don't be offended, I don't want to upset you. |
| 4. People are aware of ... | d. A widely held and fixed image/idea of someone/ something |
| 5. I had to pick one of those. | e. difficult |
| 6. I wanted to be the king of my castle . | f. to be in charge of something |
| 7. No offense . | g. manage/control |
| 8. We're twisting stereotypes people have. | h. deliberately |

B Rephrase the following expressions with the words from the previous exercise:

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| 1. I'm able to manage this crisis. | 6. Please, don't get offended. |
| 2. I need to choose one option. | 7. I know about the pandemic situation in the world. |
| 3. I want to be in charge of my business. | 8. I did it deliberately. |
| 4. It was a difficult question to ask. | |
| 5. Indians are considered to have an 'interesting' accent. | |

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C Quiz:

- How much bigger is India than Slovakia?
- What is Shrey's favourite Slovak meal?
- What is Shrey's favourite Slovak word?
- What impression of Slovak people did he have based on his experience with Vlad?
- How often does he 'have to' visit his parents?
- How does he keep in touch with his mother tongue?
- Where does his passion for food come from?
- What is the name of his project to help foreigners in Slovakia?

D Pick 3 expressions from exercise B and use them in your email(s) this week.

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KEY

A: 1e, 2h, 3g, 4b, 5a, 6f, 7c, 8d

B: 1(I'm able to handle this crisis.), 2(I need to pick one option.), 3(I want to be the king of my castle.), 4(It was a tough question to ask.),

5(The stereotype of Indians is they have an 'interesting' accent.), 6(No offense.), 7(I am aware of the pandemic situation in the world.), 8(I did it on purpose.)

C: 1(67x), 2(bryndzové pirohy), 3(čučoriedka), 4(hard-working), 5(1x year), 6(by speaking to his family and friends), 7(from his home and his mum), 8(Neviem po slovensky.)

