

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

## A

Match the words and phrases to their synonyms and explanations.

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| a. Entirely              | 1. Modesty   |
| b. Heart-breaking        | 2. Nervousness at appearing before an audience                                   |
| c. Dead silence          | 3. Completely  |
| d. Humility              | 4. Stony silence   |
| e. To reach out          | 5. Not drunk   |
| f. Stage fright          | 6. To do something in addition to what you have already achieved.                |
| g. To build on something | 7. To contact  |
| h. Linguistic barrier    | 8. Tragic  |
| i. Sober                 | 9. A difficulty for people communicating because they speak different languages. |

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## B

Mark these statements True or False based on the information in the podcast.

1. Her favourite Slovak food is halušky. ....
2. Her favourite Slovak song is Otec ....
3. Her official first name is Nasi ....
4. She was born in Iraq. ....
5. She moved to Iran when she was 15. ....
6. One of the things Slavic and Irani people share is the heavy food. ....
7. She is 25 years old now. ....
8. She studied political science and international relations at university. ....
9. One of her jobs is minority NGO work. ....
10. She does stand-up comedy as does her older sister. ....
11. Juraj Šoko Tabáček is her mentor. ....

## C

Answer these questions about Nasi's stand-up comedy work:

1. Are Slovak stand-up shows the same as in the UK or US?  
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2. Which Slovak stand-up comedians does she mention in this podcast?  
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3. What are some of the themes or jokes in her shows about?  
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4. How does she prepare for a show?  
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5. Which languages does Nasi perform in and which is the easier one?  
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## D

Write down possible difficulties immigrants might face when living in Slovakia.

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KEY: **A:** a3, b8, c4, d1, e7, f2, g6, h9, i5; **B:** 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-F, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-T, 9-T, 10-F, 11-F; **C:** 1- no, they have a different structure and kind of humour;

2- Gordulic, Tabacek, Szatmary, Hudak, ...; 3- immigrants, her long name, ...; 4- She writes the text down, then practises, records herself,

sends puns to her mentors, filters them.; 5- in English and Slovak, and English is the easier one.

