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## Q and A of the Week 你问我答

### Where are you from? 你从哪儿来?



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**Jennifer:** Hello and welcome to Question and Answer of the week, the programme where we answer any questions you have about Learning English. I'm Jennifer and with me in the studio today is Helen.

**Helen:** Hi there.

**Jennifer:** Today's question is from Sean. He writes: "I'm from Xi'an. Can you please tell me what to say if I met a person in another city who also comes from Xi'an? What's the correct way of expressing the idea 'we are fellow townsmen' and is there an adjective for this?"

**Helen:** Sean 是西安人, 他想知道如果他在其他地方碰到自己的老乡, 怎么用英语来正确的表达我们都是从同一个城市来的。

**Jennifer:** A great question, Sean – let's see if we can answer it for you. We already know that you can use adjectives to describe your nationality. For example, I'm English.

**Helen:** And I'm Chinese. 你可以用形容词来说明你的国籍。

**Jennifer:** If you are talking to someone who has the same nationality as you, you can use the adverb 'too' to mean 'as well'. So, if someone says "I'm English," I would say, "I'm English too!"

**Helen:** 当你和另一个人都有同样的国籍, 那么加上副词 **too**, 一样。比如你说你是英国人, 那么我也是英国人, 我就说 I'm English too. 这非常容易就理解了。

**Jennifer:** It's quite straightforward when we're talking about nationalities.

**Helen:** 不过 Sean 想知道怎样表达你和其他人是来自同一地区或城市。

**Jennifer:** The simplest way to let someone know you're from the same place as someone is by using the adverb 'too' that we mentioned earlier. So, if I say "I live in London," you'd say, "me too!"

**Helen:** That's very simple. 最简单的说法就是 **me too**, 我也一样。这是一种回答方式, 别人先说他从哪儿来, 你再回应。

**Jennifer:** You could also say "likewise". That's another useful adverb which means "also".

**Helen:** Likewise. 你可以回复 likewise 同样的, 这和 also 表达的意思一样。

**Jennifer:** Or you could say "same here". That's another way of saying "me too"!

**Helen:** 此外你还可以说 same here 或者 me too, 意思是‘我和你一样’。

**Jennifer:** Let's hear some examples:

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*David: Hi there, I'm David, I'm English.*

*Naomi: Oh, me too. I'm Naomi. Whereabouts are you from? I'm from London.*

*David: Same here! I live near Tower Bridge.*

*Naomi: Likewise! What a coincidence, we must live really close to each other.*

**Helen:** 以上我们听到的是几个非常简单的回答, 告诉别人你和他们是同乡。

**Jennifer:** If you're being more informal, you could say "ditto". Again, that's a way of saying "I'm the same".

**Helen:** "Ditto" 和 "I'm the same". 一样, 是非正式表达。

**Jennifer:** So there are a few ways of telling someone you're the same as them. When it comes to talking about regions of the United Kingdom, you might sometimes hear nouns used to describe where a person is from. For example, someone from London could also be called a 'Londoner'.

**Helen:** 有时候, 我们会听到用名词来形容人们从哪里来的。比如 a Londoner, 伦敦人。

**Jennifer:** There are others that you might not be able to guess. Where do you think a Mancunian is from?

**Helen:** I have no idea... Mancunia?

**Jennifer:** Good guess, but unfortunately there's no place called Mancunia in England. A Mancunian is from Manchester. Have you heard of a Liverpoolian before?

**Helen:** A Liverpoolian? 我可不知道这是指哪里来的人。

**Jennifer:** A Liverpoolian is someone from Liverpool.

**Helen:** That makes sense! 利物浦来的人可以被称为 Liverpoolian, 英语里有很多不同形容来自各个省市地区的人。不过说法没有常规, 所以只能靠心记。

**Jennifer:** Well, Sean, I hope that we've answered your question for you today. Don't forget that you can send us your questions about English, and we'll try and answer those too!

**Helen:** 我们的邮箱是 [questions.chinaelt@bbc.co.uk](mailto:questions.chinaelt@bbc.co.uk).

**Jennifer:** Until next time, bye!

**Helen:** Bye!