

# East is East



## A Review of East is East

East Is East is about cultural differences and the difficulties of assimilation. It's about the dangers of losing one's unique identity when leaving one country for another. Above all, however, it's about family dynamics and how children inevitably rebel against their parents' beliefs and traditions - that's how they grow and become independent. East Is East ponders a lot of questions, and, as with all well made motion pictures, doesn't offer simple, cut-and-dried answers for any of them. When the movie draws to a close, there is a conclusion, but it's relatively open-ended. As a film feast East Is East offers a more satisfying meal than one might expect to get at George's English Chippy.

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## Questions

1 Bearing these questions in mind write your own review of the film – What kind of film is it? What is the storyline of the film? Who are the main characters? What emotions does it create? Did you like it? Why? Or why not?

2 What does 'assimilation' mean? Look it up in the dictionary.

3 What are family 'dynamics'?

4 Does the reviewer think the film is good?

5 What questions does the film raise, in your opinion? What do you think are the answers?

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## Teaching Notes

This resource is designed to encourage learners to write their own reviews of films, books and TV programmes.

Watching the DVD of East is East also provides lots of opportunity to discuss issues of culture and race.