The Commonwealth: India
Context
What is the Commonwealth?

- "Outgrowth of the British Empire"
- Composed of 56 countries, among which Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa.
- Imperial Conference (1926): “autonomous communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown, and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.”
- Established in 1931 (Statute of Westminster)
A Few Facts About India

- Capital: New Delhi
- Republic
- President: Droupadi Murmu
- Languages: Hindi and English (but also 447 other languages spoken)
- Population: 1,375,586,000 (2nd most populous country)
- Became independent from the British Empire in 1947 (+ partition into India and Pakistan)
Oral comprehension
Co#1: Bend it Like Beckham (2002) Opening Scene
Co#2: *Never Have I ever* (2020-)
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Co#3: Never Have I ever (2020-) / 2
Let’s talk!

1. HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO MANAGE A DUAL CULTURAL IDENTITY?
2. HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED CULTURE SHOCK?
Written comprehension
Read the summary and the excerpt p.59.

Identify the main actions/elements in the excerpt.