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| Singapore, My Country  シンガポールの地図  １ 　*Shie shie.* It is one way to say thank you in Singapore. Singapore is located in Southeast Asia. More than five million people live there. They speak many languages. I speak three of them: Mandarin Chinese, Malay, and English.  ２ Mandarin Chinese is my mother tongue. It is used in northern China. I speak it with my family at home. Many movies and TV dramas are made in Mandarin. I enjoy watching them.  ３　I also speak Malay. Do you know any Malay words? Of course you do. Bamboo and ketchup are from Malay. Malay is the major language of Malaysia. Malaysia is in the north of Singapore. I speak Malay with my friends. I also like reading stories in Malay. They are very interesting.  ４　And I speak English. Long ago, English was not spoken in Singapore. Then the British came. Singapore was ruled by them. Many people needed to learn English. The British left, but their language remained. Now English is used in newspapers, on Singaporean websites, and on TV. I like watching English dramas on TV.  ５　I learned a lot from each of my languages: Mandarin Chinese, Malay, and English. Now I am learning Japanese. All of them are special to me. Arigato.  　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　(203 words) |

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