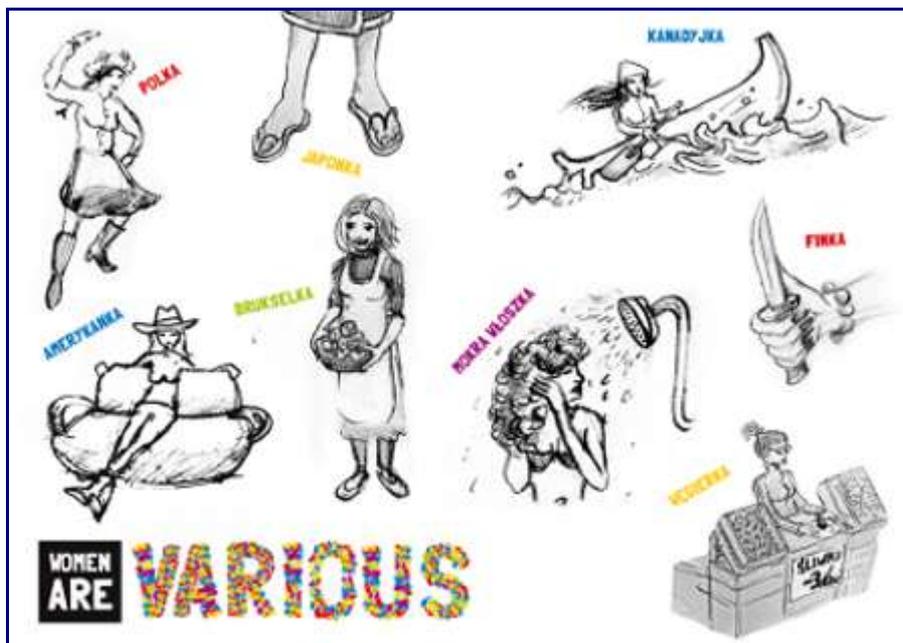


Someone once said that the more difficult a language is, the more beautiful are the women who use it. In Poland this is true – but you should be always careful, because our tricky language gives a lot of chances for misunderstanding. For example, if you are addressing a woman of another nation in Polish, you should be aware that it can have a few meanings...



Polka (Polish woman) – is not only a way of describing nationality but it's also a traditional Polish dance. Jumping and really energetic moves imitate the temperament of a typical Polish woman.

Japonki (Japanese women) – especially popular during summer, you can see them at the seaside as an obligatory fashion accessory. Japonki means simply flip flops.

Kanadyjka (Canadian woman) – also popular thing during summertime, while resting at the lakes... for in Canada, Kanadyjka is a way of describing a kayak.

Amerykanka (American woman) – fashionable furniture of the last decade, symbol of comfort, freedom, maybe even luxury. This fulfillment of American dream is simply a long sofa.

Brukselka (Brussels woman) – not only a woman, but also a vegetable. Just as Brussels is essential to the European Union, this veg is essential to the English Christmas dinner. Its Brussels sprouts!

Mokra Włoszka (Wet Italian woman) – some time ago every Polish woman was dreaming about having curly hair, just like Italian girls. So ‘Mokra Włoszka’ is the equivalent of the 80s ‘big hair’ – lots of curls and gel.

Finka (Finnish woman) – for Poles, Finland is so cold that they feel that the freeze there is as sharp as the ‘finka’s’ edge. Finka is that small but very sharp knife, used by scouts at the bonfire – the English ‘penknife’.

Węgierka (Hungarian woman) – One of Poland’s favourite fruits is ‘węgierka’ – used by grandma to make jam, and grandpa to make wine. This fruit is of course a kind of plum.