

ESP (English speaking Practice) –ADVANCED-CULTURE



CULTURE

Discussion

Basic questions

1 What do you like about your country's culture?

**I like...*

2 Has your country's culture changed much in recent years?

**Yes, it has. / No, it hasn't...*

3 What are the most important values in your culture?

**The most important values in my culture is...*

4 Have you ever experienced culture shock?

**Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.*

5 How do young people in your culture behave differently from older people?

Extended questions

1 What do you think foreigners think about your culture?

**I think foreigners think our culture is...*

2 Does your country have a strong cultural identity?

**Yes, it does. / No, it doesn't.*

3 If you could choose three aspects of your culture to put in a "time box" for the future, what would you put in it? Why?

**If I could choose...It would be...*

4 Is it possible for a country today to avoid multiculturalism?

**Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

5 What problems does multiculturalism bring to your country?

**The problems are...*

Vocabulary



- 1 Acculturation (/əˌkʌltʃəˈreɪʃn/)**
(noun) the process of learning to live successfully in a different culture; the process of helping somebody
Ex. Many immigrants have forgotten their native cultures because of acculturation in their new countries.
- 2 Ethnocentrism (/ˌeθnɒsˈsentriːzəm/)**
(noun) behaviour or beliefs that favour one particular culture and judge other cultures against it
Ex. My grandmother's ethnocentrism leads her to believe her religion is the only real religion.
- 3 Folkways (/ˈfoukwɛɪ/)**
(noun) the traditional behavior or customs of a particular community or group of people.
Ex. Moe Asch created Folkways and ran it for 38 years.
- 4 Norms (/nɔːrms/)**
(noun) standards of behaviour that are typical of or accepted within a particular group or society
Ex. Women used to stay at home to take care of the children, but that's no longer the norm.
- 5 Mores (/ˈmoːreɪz/)**
(noun) the customs and behaviour that are considered typical of a particular social group or community
Ex. The mores of academic life as opposed to those of the business world

6 Civilization (/ˌsɪvələˈzeɪʃn/)

(noun) society, its culture and its way of life during a particular period of time or in a particular part of the world

Ex. Rome's civilization of barbaric tribes was admirable.

7 Patrimony (/ˈpætrɪməni/)

(noun) The works of art and treasures of a nation

Ex. The agency is responsible for conserving the country's cultural patrimony.

Useful Expressions



1 Cultural trait – a single element of a normal practice in a culture, such as the “wearing of a turban”

Ex. One cultural trait of Mexico is the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

2 Cultural stereotypes – A fixed idea that people have about what someone.

Ex. He doesn't conform to the usual cultural stereotype of the businessman with a dark suit and briefcase.

3 Cross-cultural – involving or containing ideas from two or more different countries or cultures

Ex. Minority cultures within the US often raised issues of cross-cultural conflict.

4 Culture vulture – a person who is very interested in serious art, music & Literature.

Ex. He just bought himself a Fubu track suit and changed his name to Tyrone. He is such a culture vulture!