



Secondary

What Is Culture?

Part 1

A. Look at traditions in different countries around the world. Does your country have similar traditions?

The US



In December, some people celebrate *Kwanzaa*.

India



People eat food with their right hand.

China



Brides usually wear red wedding dresses.

Scotland



Some people play bagpipes, a musical instrument.

Thailand



There is a big lantern festival every year.

Mexico



Many girls have special 15th birthday parties.

B. Match the parts of culture to the photos (a-f). If no part matches, write N/A.

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| Customs and traditions | _____ | Festivals | _____ |
| Food | _____ | Architecture | _____ |
| Clothes | _____ | Art | _____ |
| Holidays | _____ | Music | _____ |

C. Write an example of each part of culture from your country.

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| Customs and traditions _____ | Festivals _____ |
| Food _____ | Architecture _____ |
| Clothes _____ | Art _____ |
| Holidays _____ | Music _____ |



Part 2

A. Read the text. Then choose T (True) or F (False) for each statement.

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Culture Groups

Culture means the ideas, beliefs, and **behavior** of an organization, group of people, or society. When we think about culture, we usually think of things like food, festivals, music, dance, and art from a country or region. There are also examples of culture that are specific to a certain group. One example is in sports. Sometimes, people who are big fans of a specific sport go to games or watch games together on TV. They often eat special foods on game days or wear special clothes with their team's **colors**.

People from more than one country can be part of the same culture. One example is **soccer**. *Real Madrid* is a football club in Spain, but there are fans all over the world. They are from different countries, but they are all from the *football fan* culture. Another example is music. People who like a style of music often dress in a style similar to their **favorite** musicians. The fans often agree with the ideas in the musicians' songs.

A culture can be a small group of people, like students who are in a club or on a team at a school. It can also be a very large, global group. Different religious groups have their own culture with specific traditions. Different ethnic groups might have their own culture because of their history and traditions. The place you work probably has a work culture. In companies with an informal culture, workers can often dress informally, choose their work hours, or work from home. In companies with a formal culture, workers usually dress formally, work regular hours, and work in an office.



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soccer



behaviour
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favourite
football

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| 1. Festivals are examples of a country's cultural traditions. | T / F |
| 2. Many music fans dress like their favorite musicians. | T / F |
| 3. People in different countries can be part of the same culture. | T / F |
| 4. A culture is always a very large group of people. | T / F |
| 5. An ethnic group's history is part of its culture. | T / F |
| 6. Very informal companies do not have a work culture. | T / F |

B. In pairs, discuss the questions.

1. Have you seen people do the things described in the text when they are together with people from the same culture, e.g., sports or music fans? If so, how do those people feel when they are with people from the same culture?
2. In your opinion, why do people enjoy being part of a culture?



Part 3

A. Read the text. List the cultures that Dylan is part of.

My Cultures

My name is Dylan Kumar. I think I have several different cultures. I am from Wales, and I love the Welsh culture. Two important things in Welsh culture are rugby and singing. I play for my school's rugby team, and I think rugby culture is great. I love playing and watching rugby. Many people in Wales love singing, and I love it, too! I'm in a boys' singing group, and we love singing songs together! Finally, my mom is Welsh, and my dad is from India. There are a lot of festivals in Indian culture. During these festivals, people eat special food, play traditional music, and dance with their families. I'm very happy to be part of Welsh and Indian cultures!



B. Make a list of all of your cultures. Create a collage to show the cultures. Then write a paragraph to explain the different cultures and how you feel being part of them. Show the collage and read the paragraph to your classmates.



Extension

A. Choose a culture that interests you. Prepare a presentation with information about the culture.



K-Pop culture

Include this information in your presentation:

- type of culture (e.g., country, sports, music, workplace)
- clothing or colors the members wear (e.g., uniforms or team colors)
- activities the people do (e.g., festivals, holidays, events, competitions)
- examples of the culture (e.g., foods, TV shows, movies, art, dance)

B. Present the culture you researched to your classmates.