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# Our Cultures

## Part 1

A. Complete the *Culture Wheel* with your age, gender, ethnicity, and country of birth. Then check (✓) five things that are very important in your culture.



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|                                     |                                     |
| behavior<br>organizations<br>sports | behaviour<br>organisations<br>sport |

B. In pairs, compare the things you checked in Activity A.

A: Five very important things in my culture are ...

B: My choices are different/the same. I checked ... because ...

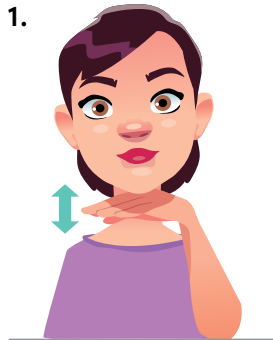
C. What other things are important in your culture? Add two more to the *Culture Wheel* in Activity A.



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Part 2

A. Gestures can have different meanings in different countries or cultures. Do you know these gestures? Match the gestures (1-5) with their meanings in different countries (a-e).



Meanings

- a. "It's very crowded in here!" (Spain) \_\_\_\_
- b. "I promise I will." (China) \_\_\_\_
- c. "That's not true!" (Brazil) \_\_\_\_
- d. "I don't understand." (Peru) \_\_\_\_
- e. "That was delicious!" (Italy) \_\_\_\_

B. In pairs, show the gestures that people in your culture use to do these things.

- say "hello" and "goodbye"
- say "yes", "no", and "I don't know"
- ask for the bill in a restaurant
- show you are hungry or thirsty

C. Do you think any gestures from your culture are hard for people from other cultures to understand? If so, what are they?



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Part 3

A. Look at the cities below. Can you imagine living in one of them? Why or why not? Use the words in the box to help.

beautiful boring busy clean cold crowded exciting friendly hot interesting modern old quiet



Tokyo, Japan



Rome, Italy



Mumbai, India



Nairobi, Kenya

A: I can imagine living in Rome because it's a beautiful old city.

B. Imagine that you can live in one city from Activity A for a year. Choose one city and check (✓) your reasons.

- the language(s) people speak
- the weather
- the food and drink
- the history and culture
- the job opportunities
- the geographic location
- the type of accommodation
- the people
- other: \_\_\_\_\_

C. In pairs, talk about the city you chose in Activity B. Explain why you chose that city.

A: I chose Tokyo because I like the history and culture. I also like the food and drink. I love sushi!

B: That's interesting. I chose Rome because I think the people are friendly, and I want to visit the art museums.



### Extension

- A. What experiences can help you better understand the culture or people of the city you chose in Part 3? Complete the chart with five things you would like to experience there and your reasons. Go online to research ideas as needed.**

| Experience | Reason |
|------------|--------|
| 1.         |        |
| 2.         |        |
| 3.         |        |
| 4.         |        |
| 5.         |        |

- B. In groups, share your ideas. Were any of your ideas similar?**