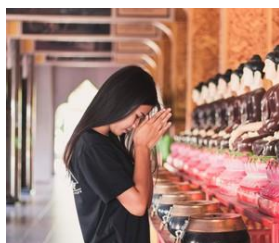


CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Credits: Face2face, pre-intermediate, C Redston, Cambridge

LEAD-IN - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Watch this [Youtube video](#). What happened?
- 2) What do you think of if I say 'cultural differences'? In what ways can cultures be different?



PART 1 - READING

PREPARATORY EXERCISE

Do you think these sentences are true or false? Use a dictionary to check the phrase you don't understand.

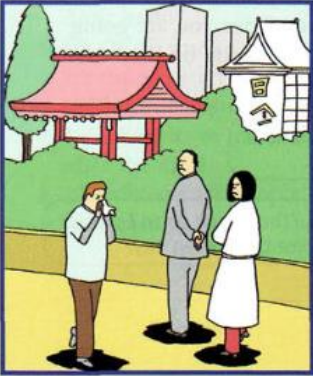

1. You shouldn't shake hands in a doorway in Russia.
2. In Thailand it's OK to point your feet at someone.
3. If a Japanese person gives you a business card, you should put it in your pocket immediately.
4. It's OK to blow your nose in public in Japan.
5. In China you shouldn't leave any food on your plate.
6. In most Asian countries you must take off your shoes when you enter someone's home.
7. If you admire something in an Arab person's home, they feel they should give it to you.

READING PRACTICE

Read the article below and check if you were right:

Culture shock!

If you **plan** to go abroad this year, travel writer **Neil Palmer** would like to give you some advice on things you **should** and **shouldn't** do around the world.

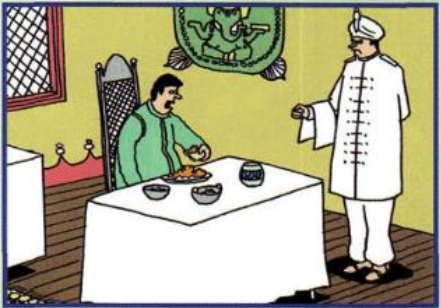


Body language

Travellers enjoy meeting new people, but sometimes you can be rude without saying anything. In Russia, for example, you shouldn't shake hands in a doorway, and in Thailand you must never touch people's heads or point your feet at anyone. When the Japanese meet new people they like giving business cards - but you need to read the card carefully, not just put it in your pocket. And never blow your nose in public in Japan - people think that's disgusting.

Eating out

In restaurants in China you should always try to leave some food on your plate, but it's OK to start smoking before other people finish eating, which is very rude in England. If you're in India, don't forget to eat with your right hand - the left hand is 'dirty'. Also don't leave empty bottles on the dinner table in Russia - that's bad luck.



■ ■ ■ In the home



If you're travelling in Asia, someone might invite you to visit them at home. If so, don't forget to take off your shoes. And if you visit an Arab family's home, remember that it's polite to drink three cups of coffee. Also try not to admire anything valuable because your Arab host will feel he should give it to you as a present.

With so much to think about, it's not surprising many people prefer going on holiday in their own countries – or you might decide to stay at home!

PART 2 - VERB PATTERNS

In English, some verbs are followed by a **BV**, a **V-ing** or an **infinitive with to**.

I **can play** the piano. -> **BV**

I **refuse to sit** there and do nothing. -> **infinitive with 'to'**

I **considered joining** the team. -> **V-ing**

Write the verbs in the correct column depending on the form of the V that follows them. Check your answers with the text.

would like – must – need – might – will – decide – suggest – hope – give up – admit – refuse – seem – risk – manage – agree – would mind – enjoy – plan

Do you know any other verbs we could put in the table?

+ BV	+ infinitive with to	+ V-ing
Can	Refuse	Consider

PRACTICE – EXERCISE

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

1. What do you enjoy _____ (do) in your free time?
2. Are you planning _____ (do) anything next weekend?
3. Do you think you'll _____ (study) English next year?
4. What do you need _____ (do) after the lesson?
5. Where would you like _____ (go) for your next holiday?
6. Would you mind _____ (call) me Ms Paris?

PART 3 – LISTENING

PREPARATORY EXERCISE

Greedy (adj) =

knives =

a funeral =

an odd/even number =

LISTENING FOR GIST

Listen to a radio interview with the travel writer, Neil Palmer. Put the topics he talks about in order.

- 1) Things you shouldn't give people
- 2) Accepting and refusing presents
- 3) Giving flowers
- 4) Opening presents

LISTENING – PART 2

Listen again. Choose the correct words/ phrases in these sentences.

1. In China, you **should/shouldn't** accept a present immediately.
2. You should give presents in China with **one hand/both hands**.
3. In Thailand, you **should/shouldn't** open a present when you get it.
4. Knives are a **good/bad** present to give in Japan.
5. You should give Japanese people an **odd/even** number of glasses.
6. You shouldn't give your Turkish host **white/red** flowers.

PART 4 – SPEAKING

Write your top ten tips about how to behave in France. Use these ideas:

- Giving and receiving presents
- Behaviour in the street/ restaurants
- Meeting and greeting people
- What (not) to wear in different situations
- Going to a wedding
- Other dos and don'ts