

Handouts for Culture Clash

Rule Cards for the Cultures

Culture 1

Your culture has strict rules that everyone follows. If a rule is violated, the person who stands the closest says 'Stop' and quickly leaves. This culture is strongly hierarchical and has a leader.

1. If you start a conversation with the leader, you must bow.
2. People always stand very close to each other.
3. Touching your nose is a sign of greeting the other and starting a conversation.
4. During conversations, there is no eye contact. Eye contact should always be avoided.
5. In this culture, showing off is very important. You always talk about how awesome you are, you boast about your healthy body, high salary, great qualifications or cool car.
6. At the end of the conversation, you stamp your feet and quickly leave.
7. If the leader says 'Hooray', everyone must turn towards him/her and bow as a sign of respect.

Culture 2

Your culture has strict rules that everyone follows. If you notice a violation of a rule, you touch your elbows and say 'noo-noo'.

1. People keep their distance from each other of at least three steps.
2. As a greeting and sign of starting a conversation, you touch the other's fingertip with your finger.
3. Keeping eye contact is very important during conversations.
4. In this culture, you can only talk about neutral topics such as movies and music. You cannot talk about personal things or emotions.
5. At the end of the conversation, you clap your hands twice and smile at the other, then leave.
6. Men are not allowed to start a conversation.
7. This culture highly respects small people. If you pass by a person who is taller than you, say 'Wow'.

