



# Cultures and Customs

A group of young people are shown from the chest up, smiling and laughing. Their faces and clothing are covered in colorful paint splatters in shades of blue, green, yellow, and pink. They are wearing sunglasses and casual summer attire. The background is bright and slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor festival setting.

# Warm-up Conversational Questions

**1** How would you define culture?

**2** Can you share a unique custom or tradition from your own culture or background?

**3** Why do you think it's important to learn about and respect different cultures?



# Diversity

The state of being diverse, with differences in race, ethnicity, gender, and more.

- 1 How can a community benefit from embracing diversity?
- 2 What challenges might arise in a community that lacks diversity?
- 3 Can you think of ways to promote diversity in your everyday life?

Sub Vocabulary: cultural differences, diverse friends, open-minded



# Tradition

**A custom or belief passed down from generation to generation.**

- 1 Why do you think traditions are important in preserving a culture?**
- 2 How do traditions contribute to a sense of community?**
- 3 Can you share a personal tradition that has significance to you?**

Sub Vocabulary: custom, practice, sentimental value, identity



# Ceremony

**A formal event or ritual, often with specific customs and traditions.**

- 1 What types of ceremonies are common in your culture?**
- 2 How do ceremonies mark significant life events?**
- 3 Have you ever participated in a ceremony from a different culture?**

Sub Vocabulary: religious, wedding, graduation, different culture, event, ritual

# Etiquette

The customary code of polite behavior in society or a particular group.

- 1 Why is etiquette important in different social settings?
- 2 How does etiquette vary across different cultures?
- 3 Can you share a cultural etiquette rule that you find interesting?

Sub Vocabulary: polite behavior, expectation, respect



# Festival

A celebration or series of events, often religious or cultural.

- 1 What festivals are celebrated in your culture?
- 2 How do festivals bring people together?
- 3 Have you ever participated in a festival from another culture?

Sub Vocabulary: celebrations, harvest, national, social connections



# Customary

In accordance with custom; usual.

- 1 What are some customary greetings in your culture?
- 2 How do customary practices vary from region to region?
- 3 Can you think of a customary gift-giving practice?

Sub Vocabulary: habits, traditions, gift-giving, common, expected behavior





# Cultural Heritage

The inherited customs, beliefs, and traditions of a culture.

- 1 Why is it essential to preserve cultural heritage?
- 2 How does cultural heritage shape an individual's identity?
- 3 Can you share an aspect of your cultural heritage that you're proud of?

Sub Vocabulary: values, beliefs, practices, behaviors, identity, custom, belief





# Tolerance

**The acceptance of different opinions, beliefs, or customs.**

**1** Why is tolerance crucial in a diverse society?

**2** How can individuals promote tolerance in their communities?

**3** Can you share a personal experience that taught you the importance of tolerance?

Sub Vocabulary: understanding, harmony, peaceful coexistence, increased understanding, anecdote



# Globalization

**The process of interaction and integration among people, companies, and governments from different nations.**

- 1 How has globalization influenced your culture?**
- 2 What are the positive and negative aspects of globalization on cultures?**
- 3 Can you think of a cultural product or practice that has gained popularity globally?**

Sub Vocabulary: interconnectivity, cultural exchange, gained popularity



# Stereotype

**A widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing.**

- 1 How do stereotypes affect our understanding of different cultures?**
- 2 Can you share an example of a cultural stereotype that you find inaccurate?**
- 3 How can individuals challenge and overcome cultural stereotypes?**

Sub Vocabulary: bias, misunderstandings, prejudice, perpetuate, empathy



# Integration

**The action or process of integrating different groups or people.**

**1** How does cultural integration contribute to social harmony?

**2** Can you share a positive example of cultural integration in your community?

**3** What challenges might arise during the process of cultural integration?

language barriers

Sub Vocabulary: understanding, cooperation, sense of belonging, language barriers

# Ritual

**A religious or solemn ceremony consisting of a series of actions performed according to a prescribed order.**

**1 How do rituals contribute to the spiritual aspect of a culture?**

**2 Can you share a ritual from your culture that has personal significance?**

**3 How have modern lifestyles impacted traditional rituals?**

Sub Vocabulary: social dynamics, technology, priorities, participation

# Cultural Exchange

**The exchange of cultural elements between groups or societies.**

- 1 How does cultural exchange promote understanding between people?**
- 2 Can you share a personal experience of cultural exchange?**
- 3 Why is cultural exchange important in today's interconnected world?**

Sub Vocabulary: stereotypes, interact, global understanding, respect, international cooperation



# Multiculturalism

The presence or support of several distinct cultural or ethnic groups within a society.

- 1 How does multiculturalism enrich a society?
- 2 Can you think of any challenges associated with multiculturalism?
- 3 What role does education play in promoting multiculturalism?

Sub Vocabulary: understanding, respect, celebrating diversity





# Global Citizen

**An individual who sees themselves as part of a world community rather than as a member of a particular nation or culture.**

- 1 What does it mean to be a global citizen?**
- 2 How can individuals embrace the concept of global citizenship?**
- 3 Can you share an example of someone you consider a global citizen?**

Sub Vocabulary: global issues, contributing, well-being, perspectives,

