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# INTERCULTURALLY YOURS

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## CULTURE SHOCK

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## 1.2 QUIZ

### ‘Culture shock quiz’

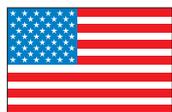
- Read the following statements in pairs and decide if they are true or false.

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1 In England people stand in queues when they wait for the bus.		
2 If someone is blocking your way and you would like them to move, the best thing to say is ‘Sorry!’		
3 If someone says “Drop in anytime” or “Come and see me soon”, it is okay to do so.		
4 People in Dublin love talking about their health.		
5 If you are invited to someone’s home in Canada, you should bring the hostess red roses.		
6 In Canada the guest is the first person at the table who can start eating or drinking.		
7 “How are you?” is a popular greeting in Canada.		
8 Barbecues are a very popular form of home entertaining in Australia.		
9 If an Australian invites you for dinner in a restaurant, it means they will pay for it.		
10 In the United States many people eat ‘brunch’ on weekends, which is a combination of lunch and breakfast.		
11 In the United States it is considered rude to eat while walking down the street.		
12 In New York there is a minimum speed limit on the highway.		

### UK

flag		blue field with the red cross of Saint George (patron saint of England) with a white outline, under which there is the diagonal red cross of Saint Patrick (patron Saint of Ireland), under which you find the diagonal white cross of Saint Andrew (patron Saint of Scotland). It is called the Union Jack.
capital	London	
languages	English, Wales, Scottish form of Gaelic	
food	steak, fish and chips, Indian food	
festival	Remembrance Day: 11 <sup>th</sup> November (1919); to remember the people who died in wars; at 11 a.m. there is a two-minute silence in the UK; people wear a poppy (emblem of the British Legion)	
attraction	London Eye – a giant big wheel on the bank of the river Thames (2000)	
movie	Love Actually (2003)	
sportsman	David Beckham (football)	
inventor	Charles Macintosh: waterproof fabric	
history	When the British Empire was at its biggest in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century, it covered one-fourth of the Earth's surface. That's why people sometimes said that the sun never set on the British Empire.	

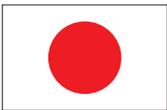
### USA

flag		13 equal horizontal stripes of red and white; there is a blue rectangle in the top left hand corner with 50 white, five-pointed stars. These 50 stars represent the 50 states and of the 13 stripes of the 13 original colonies.
capital	Washington, DC	
languages	English, Spanish (more and more important)	
food	junk food	
festival	Thanksgiving: fourth Thursday of November (1863); the first thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 by those who survived their first year in America	
attraction	Empire State Building (1931); it was the world's highest building at 443.2 m; 5 entrances, 103 floors, 73 lifts, 1860 steps	
movie	Casablanca (1942)	
celebrity	Woody Allen	
invention	Benjamin Franklin: lightning rod	
history	Boston tea party: on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 1773, American patriots who were dressed as Mohawk Indians threw all the tea into the sea from the ships of the East Indian company in Boston. They did this because the British Parliament gave a monopoly to the East India Company and this was not fair.	

## AUSTRALIA

flag 	blue with the flag of the UK in the top left corner and a large seven-pointed white star under it, which symbolizes the colonies of Australia. The other half of the flag represents the Southern Cross star constellation.
capital	Canberra
languages	English, native languages
food	emu hamburger, kangaroo steaks
festival	26 <sup>th</sup> January (1788): Australia Day; the first ships arrived from England to create a colony; Aboriginals are not happy about it, they call it Invasion/Survival Day
attraction	Sydney Opera House (1973) ; a symbol of the city, together with the Harbour Bridge; Queen Elizabeth opened it on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 1973
movie	Shine! (1996)
celebrity	Nicole Kidman
invention	boomerang
history	Aboriginals arrived on the continent from Southeast Asia about <b>40,000 years</b> before the first Europeans discovered Australia in the 17 <sup>th</sup> c.

## JAPAN

flag 	white with a large red disk (which represents the sun) in the centre
capital	Tokyo
languages	Japanese
food	sushi
festival	23 <sup>rd</sup> December (1933): birthday of Emperor Akihito; the birthday of the emperor is always a holiday (it changes, naturally); the emperor gives a TV speech and many visitors go to his palace to see him
attraction	Sensoji – an old Buddhist temple in Tokyo
film	Pokemon
invention	Tamagotchi
history	In 1603 the Tokugawa military dictatorship started a 250-year-long period of total isolation. This meant stability and flowering for Japan. The country opened its harbours in 1854, began to modernize intensively and soon became an important power.

### SAUDI ARABIA

<p>flag</p> 	<p>green, a traditional colour in Islamic flags, with an important religious text in white in Arabic (translation: "There is no god but God; Muhammad is the Messenger of God") above a white horizontal sabre.</p>
capital	Riyadh
languages	Arabic
food	falafel
festival	23 <sup>rd</sup> September (1932): unification of the country business usually stops for a whole week when there is a holiday
attraction	the Kaaba in Mecca; it is a model of the house of God in Paradise; there is a large mosque built around it
poet/movie/ celebrity	Me and the Other (directed by a woman!) Osama bin Laden
invention	Wahhabism (an extremist Islamic religion)
history	In 1902, Abd Al-Aziz started a 30-year campaign to unify the Arabian Peninsula, which ended in 1932. The country's Basic Law says that Saudi Arabia must always be in the hands of the sons and grandsons of Abd Al-Aziz.

### SWEDEN

<p>flag</p> 	<p>blue with a golden yellow cross; the vertical part of the cross is a bit to the left from the centre in the style of the Danish flag</p>
capital	Stockholm
languages	Swedish, Finnish
food	herring, meatballs
festival	6 <sup>th</sup> June (1523): National Day - Flag Day Sweden became independent in 1523 and Gustav Vasa became king. On Flag Days, the Swedish flag is there on all buildings from sunrise to sunset
attraction	Royal Palace in Stockholm it functions as a castle, a history museum and an art gallery
movie	Kitchen Stories (2004)
celebrity	ABBA
invention	dynamite, Bluetooth
history	Sweden has not taken part in any war for the past two centuries. It followed the policy of "armed neutrality" in both World Wars.

## RUSSIA

flag 	three equal horizontal stripes of white (top), blue and red
capital	Moscow
languages	Russian and many other
food	chicken Kiev, caviar, vodka
festival	12 <sup>th</sup> June (1990) Independence Day Russia's newest holiday to remember the official end of the Soviet Union
attraction	the onion-domed towers of the Kremlin on Red Square in Moscow; some of its parts were built in the 12 <sup>th</sup> century; today it is the home of government buildings, palaces and cathedrals
movie	Tarkovsky: Stalker
celebrity	TATU
invention	samovar
history	After 1985, Gorbachev started to introduce some reforms in the Communist USSR. As a result of these reforms, the country fell apart and 15 independent republics were born. Russia still has some problems with its relationships with some neighbours.

## BRAZIL

flag 	green with a large yellow diamond in the centre, which has a blue globe in it with 27 white five-pointed stars that look like the night sky over Brazil; there is a white stripe around the globe: "Order and Progress"
capital	Brasília
languages	Portuguese, Spanish, English, French
food	coffee
festival	Carnival: 40 days before Easter, centred around Rio de Janeiro
attraction	the statue of Christ the Redeemer and Corcovado Hill this is the big statue on top of a hill which you can see in every soap opera
film	soap operas...
celebrity	Ronaldo, Ronaldinho
invention	wrist watch
history	Brazil is the largest and most populous country in South America. It was originally a Portuguese colony so Portuguese is the official language of the country. 150 million people live there today, and only 10 million in Portugal.



## 1.4 CHECKLIST

### 2.2 EVALUATION SHEET: A GOOD POSTER IS ...

■ When preparing or looking at posters, look at the statements below. If the answer to all these statements is 'yes', the poster is probably a good one.

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1 The text on the poster can be easily read.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 The pictures are interesting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 There is not too little information on the poster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 There is not too much information on the poster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 The poster looks nice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 The whole poster can be read in less than 5 minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 I have learnt something new while reading the poster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 One good thing about each poster I saw:		

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## 3.2 QUESTIONNAIRE

### Hungary through the eyes of Hungarians

■ Look at the following statements about Hungary and decide how much you agree with them. Write a number 1-5 beside each sentence: 5 means you absolutely agree, 1 means you absolutely disagree etc.

- 1 In Hungary it is OK to talk to someone about their salary.
- 2 You can stay silent for more than 5 seconds in a conversation.
- 3 You should always smile at the people you are talking to.
- 4 It is OK to yawn in public.
- 5 It is usual to touch somebody while you are speaking to them.
- 6 You can blow your nose in public.
- 7 It is OK to smoke in the streets.
- 8 When you speak to someone, you should be about 0.5 metre from them.
- 9 It is impolite to laugh loudly in public.
- 10 In Hungary you should be at meetings on time.

## 3.2 LANGUAGE BOX with agree and disagree expressions

- 1 Look at the box below with words and expressions for expressing ideas, agreeing and disagreeing.

### **Agreeing**

I suppose, in a way you're right.

You're quite right in what you say.

I absolutely agree with you on this.

I couldn't agree more with you.

I agree with most of what you say.

I have the same opinion as you.

There might be something in what you say.

### **Disagreeing**

I agree with you to some extent, ...

You have a point there, however,...

Yes, but on the other hand ...

Yes, I see what you mean, but ...

### **Expressing ideas**

I suppose/ I reckon ...

In my opinion, ...

I'd say that ...

Actually, I haven't thought about it yet.

As far as I'm concerned, ...

From my point of view, ...

As I see it, ...

To my mind, ...

Personally, I think that ...

### 3.3 LISTENING WORKSHEET

Discussion points and comprehension tasks for the listening exercise

■ 1 Discuss the following questions in pairs.

- 1 What kind of holidays are the most typical in Hungary?
- 2 If you had to live in another country, which one would you choose? Why?
- 3 Is there a school uniform in Hungary? Do you like the idea of school uniforms?
- 4 Which jobs have the most respect in Hungary?
- 5 Do you feel that your hometown is safe?
- 6 How many hours do you think people should work? What does 'workaholic' mean to you?

■ 2 Listen to Jamie, a young English teacher married to a Hungarian girl, talking about the topics in 1. above. Try to note down what he thinks of these issues.

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■ 3 Listen to Jamie again and complete the sentences below. You can use as many words as you like.

- 1 The expression B and B means \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2 Jamie and his wife have always lived \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3 Now they are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ to see what it's like.
- 4 Jamie would choose to live in England because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 The typical school uniform in England is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 Solicitors are lawyers who \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 7 In England, the 'professionals' are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 8 Jamie thinks the Hungarians complain about public safety because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 9 Compared to the UK or the USA, Jamie thinks public safety in Hungary is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 10 Many families are in crisis because \_\_\_\_\_ .

## 4.1 CHECKLIST

### The dos and don'ts of giving a presentation

<b>DO</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- speak up</li><li>- check your timing</li><li>- use more than one source</li><li>- structure your presentation</li><li>- use (not very strong) hand gestures</li><li>- move around to make it more dynamic</li><li>- make eye contact with all members of your audience</li><li>- practice your presentation in front of a mirror or with a partner</li></ul>
<b>DON'T</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- mumble</li><li>- speak too fast</li><li>- risk weak jokes</li><li>- worry too much</li><li>- prepare too much material</li><li>- leave everything until the last minute</li><li>- read your presentation word for word</li><li>- think your audience is not interested in what you have to say</li></ul>

## 5.2 POSTER AND PRESENTATION ASSESSMENT SHEET

*Name of group:*

*Topic:*

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Rating</u>					<u>Comments</u>
<b>Poster</b>						
Clearly organised	1	2	3	4	5	
Pictures	1	2	3	4	5	
Written work	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Presentation: use of English</b>						
Structure, linking	1	2	3	4	5	
Speed and volume	1	2	3	4	5	
Accuracy	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Body language</b>						
Eye contact	1	2	3	4	5	
Gestures	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Content</b>						
Relevant	1	2	3	4	5	
Interesting	1	2	3	4	5	

## 5.3 SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM

Think about the last five lessons and the posters and presentations you have made. Finish the sentences so that they are true about YOU.

1 In this project, I learnt... \_\_\_\_\_

2 I still need to work on... \_\_\_\_\_

3 I liked... \_\_\_\_\_

4 I didn't like... \_\_\_\_\_