

Cultures and customs

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Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

beliefs culture shock diverse dress interpret manners tradition values

1. It's considered good to take your shoes off before entering someone's home.
2. The tour guide had to for us because we couldn't speak the language.
3. My dad has strong family He always thinks of us before anyone else.
4. It's a to have firework displays at New Year.
5. I like the national of Ghana – it's very colourful.
6. You should respect other people's , even if their ideas are very different to your own.
7. When you spend time in a country that is very different to your own, you might experience
8. There are students from a range of countries in our class – there are people from all over the world.

2

Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

1. The receptionist listened *patiently* / *carelessly* while I tried to speak Spanish to her.
2. The salsa band performed *furiously* / *brilliantly* – I'd never heard such amazing music!
3. The guide *eagerly* / *suspiciously* showed us around the ancient temple. He was very enthusiastic about it.
4. The host greeted us *warmly* / *nervously*, which made us feel at home immediately.
5. We looked around *proudly* / *curiously* – it was fascinating to visit somewhere so different.
6. I *accidentally* / *anxiously* made a mistake when I ate all the food on my plate – it's polite to leave a little in some countries.
7. Dan *confidently* / *nervously* asked for directions in Portuguese – he didn't know whether he would understand the reply.
8. We *calmly* / *enthusiastically* read about the traditions of Japan and couldn't wait to take part in them.

 **Track 10** You will hear an interview with a travel writer called Anna Bryant, who is talking about what to do when visiting other countries. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1. Before travelling to another country, Anna always tries to
 - A watch people practising their traditions.
 - B talk to someone from that country.
 - C do some background reading.
2. How does Anna feel about her language skills?
 - A regretful that she didn't pay more attention at school
 - B confident that she can communicate fairly easily
 - C amazed by how many languages she has acquired
3. Anna says that when visiting someone in their home
 - A it's fine to let them know you're anxious.
 - B it's a good idea to copy how they behave.
 - C it's advisable to find out what to do in advance.
4. How did Anna feel when she made a mistake?
 - A annoyed that she had forgotten some advice
 - B grateful that her host was sympathetic
 - C amused by her own behaviour
5. How did Anna overcome culture shock when she lived abroad?
 - A by studying the culture carefully
 - B by getting to know local people
 - C by establishing a routine
6. How did Anna feel when she was at the Lantern Festival?
 - A astonished that she had never heard about it
 - B anxious to remember every moment of it
 - C eager to participate in it
7. What does Anna say about the book she is writing about culture?
 - A She is disappointed in her progress so far.
 - B She is keen to get feedback from people she knows.
 - C She is unsure about including her own experiences.