2 Read the website below quickly and choose an appropriate heading for each section from the box.

Architecture	Climate	Cuisine	Customs/Traditions
Geography	Historical events	Institutions	Language
Life rituals	Religion	Rules of behaviour	The arts
Values			

WHAT IS CULTURE?

The word 'culture' has a number of meanings, but in its widest sense it refers to everything that makes up the identity of a particular group of people, society or nation.

1 _____ – the general terrain and physical features such as mountains, rivers, proximity to the sea, whether there is a coastline

2 _____ – weather conditions in different seasons, length of seasons, average temperatures and types of extreme weather if appropriate, e.g. hurricanes, typhoons, droughts

3 _____ – written and spoken means of communication used by a particular group of people; this may include particular dialects, and characteristics of grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation

4 _____ – a particular style of cooking; this will include specialities, unusual dishes and staple diet of a particular area, e.g. rice, potatoes, pasta

5 _____ – things which are considered important to people and tend to guide their lives, e.g. attitudes to family, money, honesty, superstitions, nature, animals

6 _____ – characteristic styles of music, theatre, film, painting, opera, literature, etc. and their relative importance and status

7 _____ – particular faith/belief systems, e.g. Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, including sects within a particular tradition

8 _____ – unspoken/unwritten ways of doing things, e.g. rules of etiquette and manners regarding how to eat, socialise, dress, drive, greet and address each other; punctuality, tipping, the way people treat each other (male/female/adults/children), etc.

9 _____ – particular national/public holidays, feast days, festivals (e.g. carnivals), commemorations, anniversaries and activities associated with and performed on these occasions

10 _____ – (civil) wars, invasions, revolutions, famines, natural disasters, etc.

11 _____ – birth, marriage, maturity, employment, retirement, death, and how these are treated

12 _____ – the political system and type of government and/or monarchy, the legal system, education, financial system

13 _____ – characteristic style of buildings and interior design; also common building materials used, ratio of old/new buildings, the built environment and its heritage

Find the words or expressions on the website which match the definitions:

a) kind of food eaten every day
b) particular linguistic form (often spoken)
c) ways of behaving politely
d) belief that some things are lucky/unlucky
e) particular type of land
f) a date on which we remember something special or important from the past
g) small group with particular beliefs and practices
h) traditional aspects of parts of a culture, e.g. building

LIVEWORKSHEETS