



The Iceberg Model of Culture

What is Culture?

Culture is the way people live. It includes our traditions, customs, beliefs, and values. It's like a big picture of how a group of people do things.

The Iceberg Model

Imagine an iceberg in the ocean. An iceberg has a small part that you can see above the water and a much larger part that is hidden under the water. Culture is like this iceberg.

Visible Culture

The part of the iceberg you can see is called "visible culture." These are things you can see, hear, and touch. For example:

- Food: What people eat and how they cook.
- Clothing: What people wear.
- Festivals: How people celebrate special days.
- Music and Dance: The songs people sing and the dances they do.
- Language: The words people use to speak.

Invisible Culture

The part of the iceberg you cannot see is called "invisible culture." These are things that are not easy to see or understand quickly. For example:

- Values: What people think is important, like family or education.
- Beliefs: What people believe in, like religions or superstitions.
- Rules: How people think you should behave, like being polite.
- Attitudes: How people feel about things, like time or work.
- Ways of Thinking: How people solve problems or make decisions.

Why is it Important?

Understanding both visible and invisible culture helps us to know and respect other people better. It helps us to communicate well and to avoid misunderstandings.

Choose the best option to answer the following questions:

1. What does culture include?

- a) Only traditions and customs
- b) Traditions, customs, beliefs, and values
- c) Only beliefs and values
- d) Only language and food

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Colossians 3: 23



2. What is the Iceberg Model used to explain?

- a) The size of icebergs in the ocean
- b) How people dress in different cultures
- c) The visible and invisible parts of culture
- d) The history of icebergs

3. Which part of the iceberg represents "visible culture"?

- a) The part above the water
- b) The part below the water
- c) The entire iceberg
- d) None of the iceberg

4. Which of the following is NOT an example of visible culture?

- a) Food
- b) Language
- c) Values
- d) Clothing

5. What does invisible culture include?

- a) Things that are easy to see and understand
- b) Things that are hard to see and understand
- c) Only food and festivals
- d) Only music and dance

6. Which of the following is an example of invisible culture?

- a) Music
- b) Clothing
- c) Beliefs
- d) Festivals

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7. Why is understanding both visible and invisible culture important?

- a) It helps us to learn new languages
- b) It helps us to know and respect other people better
- c) It helps us to cook different foods
- d) It helps us to dress like others

8. Which of the following best describes "values" in the context of culture?

- a) What people wear
- b) What people think is important
- c) What people eat
- d) The songs people sing

9. What is an example of a rule in invisible culture?

- a) How people dress
- b) How people cook
- c) How people think you should behave
- d) The dances people do

10. What does the invisible part of culture include regarding time and work?

- a) Music preferences
- b) Attitudes towards time and work
- c) Types of clothing worn
- d) Food and recipes

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