

ENGLISH STUDENTS & CULTURE SHOCK

Read the text and use the word in capitals to form a word that fits in each space.

Culture shock is a feeling of (1)_____ experienced by someone visiting a new country and being confronted with an (2)_____ culture. It is experienced by many of the thousands of students who leave home to study English in an English-speaking country.

CONFUSE
FAMILIAR

These students have to cope with changes in weather, food, language and behavior. (3)_____ have found that there are several stages of culture shock and that adjusting to life in a new country is an ongoing and gradual process.

RESEARCH

Initially, students may feel (4)_____ and delight at the new culture. They take to their language studies with enthusiasm and make significant progress.

EXCITE

Once the (5)_____ of being in a foreign place wears off, feelings of (6)_____, depression and homesickness may arise, and homesick students may call home repeatedly. (7)_____ problems, due to locals speaking too quickly and using strange idioms and slang, are also very common. (8)_____, stress may be caused by racial discrimination, (9)_____ problems or safety concerns.

NOVEL
ANXIOUS
COMMUNICATE

During the next stage, the student is more (10)_____ and begins to accept the positive and negative aspects of both cultures. They begin to feel at home and realize that problems are also (11)_____ opportunities.

ADDITION
FINANCE

REAL

LEARN

