

Before-listening:

Check the boxes if you think the statements are true:

People around the world have different cultures.

Moroccans don't have their own customs and traditions.

People often fall out (argue) with each other because of cultural differences.

Click and drag the sentences in the boxes to reorder them:

For example, personal space is one that is very different in US compared to the Middle

In the Middle East people get very close to each other, which can make Westerners

There are many other cultural differences between the east and the west because each people have their normal way of life.

Every culture has a way of doing things that are considered normal, but it can be considered rude in other cultures.

1)

2)

3)

4)

Cultural differences !?



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Match with the pictures:



Waving his arm

Shaking head



Nodding



While-listening:

Listen and answer the questions below:

What are Tim and Neil talking about?

a) Cultural differences
b) Feelings
c) Customs and traditions.

True or False:

British people wave their arms a lot when arguing with someone.
In Bulgaria, people shake their heads to say "no".
In India, head shaking can mean lots of different things.
Professor Meyer's saw her student fighting someone.

Match the words with their meanings:

Argue	Do something embarrassing in a social situation.
fall out with someone	Make somebody angry or upset
Gesture	Waving arms to express feelings.
gesticulate	Showing what you think or feel.
Faux pas	Argue or disagree
offend	A movement with your head or hands to express something
expressive	To make a gesture with hands or arms

Reflection:

Write about the last time you made a faux pas. What happened?

Example :

When someone dies in Morocco, people come to offer condolences. There are specific words they say like "Al-baraka f-rassek", and the reply should be "mamsha m3ak bass".

I once attended a funeral of a family member. Someone came close and told me "Al-baraka f-rassek"; I replied with "Allah yebarek fik", which was totally inappropriate.

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