

5 Crossing cultures

1 Complete these sentences. Use words from the list.

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| ☐ confident | ☐ depressed | ☐ fascinated | ☐ uncomfortable |
| ☐ curious | ☒ embarrassed | ☐ uncertain | ☐ worried |

- In my country, people never leave tips. So when I first went abroad, I kept forgetting to tip servers. I felt really embarrassed.
- The first time I traveled abroad, I felt really _____. I was alone, I didn't speak the language, and I didn't make any friends.
- I just spent a year in France learning to speak French. It was a satisfying experience, and I was _____ by the culture.
- At first I really didn't like shopping in the open-air markets. I felt _____ because so many people were trying to sell me something at the same time.
- When I arrived in Lisbon, I was nervous because I couldn't speak any Portuguese. As I began to learn the language, though, I became more _____ about living there.
- Before I went to Alaska last winter, I was very _____ about the cold. But it wasn't a problem because most buildings there are well heated.
- When I was traveling in Southeast Asia, I couldn't believe how many different kinds of fruit there were. I was _____ to try all of them, so I ate a lot of fruit!
- It was our first trip to Latin America, so we were _____ about what to expect. We loved it and hope to return again soon.



2

Imagine you are going to travel to a country you have never visited before. Write sentences using the factors and feelings given. Then add another sentence explaining your feelings.

Factors	Feelings
public transportation	anxious (about)
the architecture	comfortable (with)
the climate	curious (about)
the food	enthusiastic (about)
the language	fascinated (by)
the money	nervous (about)
the music	uncertain (about)
the people my age	uncomfortable (with)



Example:

Public transportation is something I'd be anxious about.

I'd be afraid of getting lost.

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