

Lesson 11

I didn't really fit in.

Target: Having a conversation about culture shock.

Vocabulary

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Culture Shock



Related vocabulary

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| - to experience ... | - a lifestyle | - anxiety / to be anxious |
| - to encounter ... | - to differ from... | - to adjust to... |
| - one's surroundings | - to be homesick | - loneliness / to be lonely |
| - to be bound to do... | - to long for ... | - reverse culture shock |
| - to be unfamiliar with... | - to fit in | - a mind-set |
| - to develop a simplistic view | - to get used to ... | - to be / feel left out |
| - to be second nature to... | - to make fun of ... | - to be / feel isolated |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What is culture shock?
2. What are some things that you think are bound to happen when you move?
3. When was the last time you experienced culture shock? What kinds of things did you encounter?
4. What do you think of the expression "When in Rome, do as the Romans do.?"
5. Have people ever given you a hard time? What was the situation?
6. How did your opinion of the people and the culture change with time?
7. What has become second nature to you?
8. What is one time when you have been confused or embarrassed due to culture shock?
9. What do you think the things that define a certain culture are?
10. If someone asked you for advice on dealing with culture shock what would you say?

Partner #2: Questions

1. What is the most important thing your culture has given the world?
2. Do you think it's important to maintain your own culture, beliefs, values etc. after you move?
3. What is something that you are still unfamiliar with?
4. How does America differ to Japan in regards to people?
5. How long does it usually take to adjust to a new culture? What are the stages of culture shock?
6. What do you think reverse culture shock is? Have you or has anyone you know experienced it?
7. If someone moves to Japan, what do you think is bound to happen?
8. Why in some cases do expats initially develop a simplistic view of the local people?
9. When you get homesick, what's something that you long for?
10. Finish this sentences: I believe having strong values is important because...

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- 1. Role play:** Partner #1: You have just moved overseas and are experiencing culture shock.
Partner #2: Give your partner some advice.
- 2. Speech:** Talk about your personal experiences with culture shock.
- 3. Speech:** Discuss the four stages of culture shock and what you can do to get through them.
- 4. Debate:** You moved to Japan recently & you love it, your friend has lived here for 20 years & is jaded.