

ACTIVITY 5.4 | Dimensions of Culture

This table gives you an opportunity to make some notes about cultural differences you have encountered in each of these 10 areas of cultural programming.

ASPECTS OF CULTURE	EXAMPLES OF DIFFERENCES
1. Sense of Self and Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance • Touch • Formal/Informal • Open/Closed 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
2. Communication and Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language/Dialect • Gestures/Expressions/Tone • Direct/Indirect 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
3. Dress and Appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing • Hair • Grooming 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
4. Food and Eating Habits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Restrictions/Taboos • Utensils/Hands • Manners 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
5. Time and Time Consciousness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promptness • Age/Status • Pace 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
6. Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family • Age/Gender/Kindred • Status 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
7. Values and Norms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group vs. Individual • Independence vs. Conformity • Privacy • Respect • Competition vs. Cooperation 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
8. Beliefs and Attitudes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion • Position of Women • Social Order/Authority 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
9. Mental Processes and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left/Right Brain Emphasis • Logic/Illogic 	<hr/> <hr/>
10. Work Habits and Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Ethic • Rewards/Promotions • Status of Type of Work • Division of Labor/Organization 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>