Culture and traditions: conversation questions for English classes

24 question cards in three level bands. Print, cut and let learners draw a card, or share the page on screen.

A1–A2 · Beginner and elementary

What is your country famous for?

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What do people eat at a celebration?

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How do people say hello in your country?

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What time do people usually have dinner?

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What is a traditional song or dance?

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What languages do people speak in your country?

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What should a visitor see first?

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What is a typical present from your country?

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B1–B2 · Intermediate

What custom from your country surprises visitors?

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What is polite in your culture that might be rude in another?

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Which tradition do young people no longer follow?

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Tell me about a time you felt culture shock.

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What should a foreigner never do at dinner in your country?

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Is punctuality important where you live?

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What stereotype about your country is true, and which is false?

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What have you adopted from another culture?

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C1–C2 · Advanced

Is a shared global culture replacing local ones? Does it matter?

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Which traditions deserve to be protected and which should be allowed to disappear?

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Where is the line between appreciating a culture and taking from it?

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How much should immigrants adapt and how much should the host country adapt?

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Can you really understand a culture without speaking its language?

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Are national stereotypes harmless fun or a real problem?

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How has living through other languages changed how you see your own culture?

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What will your grandchildren find strange about the way we live now?

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Useful language

- It's common to... / It's considered rude to...
- We tend to... / People usually...
- In my culture... whereas in...
- You're supposed to... / You're not supposed to...
- a custom · a habit · a belief · a superstition
- It dates back to...