

1 culture



the mix of values, beliefs, behaviors, and material objects that reflect the way of life of a particular nation or group of people

Example: I enjoy learning new things from my neighbor, an immigrant from a different **culture**.

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2 cultural components



attributes that vary from culture to culture, including religion, language, architecture and food.

Example: Cultural components such as food and language are similar in Mexico and the state of Arizona because of cultural diffusion.

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3 Behaviors



a person's actions or conduct

Example: Behaviors such as how to act around peers and elders varies from culture to culture.

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4 rituals



behaviors done according to religious or social laws or customs

Example: Rituals include ways of greeting others, ways of celebrating social events such as birthdays, and the performance of specific religious ceremonies.

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5 beliefs



something accepted as true by an individual or group

Example: Beliefs vary from culture to culture, some cultures believe in polytheism while others believe in monotheism

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6 values



principles or standards considered worthwhile or desirable

Example: In many cultures honesty is considered one of the important values.

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tradition

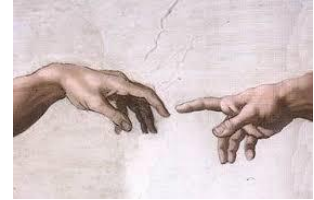
a system of beliefs, values, and practices passed down within a culture



Example: Cultural traditions often relate to special days such as marriage or births.
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aesthetic

relating to beauty or the appreciation of beauty



Example: Art often serves an aesthetic function in a culture.
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cultural universals

learned behavior patterns that are shared by all of humanity collectively



Example: Cultural universals include raising children in a family setting and playing games.
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institution

an organization founded for a religious, education, social or similar purpose



Example: Institutions such as schools are an important component of cultures.
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proverb

a short well-known expression that states a general truth or gives advice



Example: A proverb such as “knowledge is power” tells you that the culture values knowledge.

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taboo

a custom prohibiting or restricting a particular practice



Example: In some cultures it is a taboo to eat certain kinds of foods. (SS060402)

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cultural adaptation

patterns of behavior that enable a culture to adapt with its surroundings or when an individual modifies his/her customs to fit in to a particular culture



Example: Cultural adaptation is reflected in the types of housing people use because of their surroundings or when individuals change their clothing to fit in with a different culture. (SS060403)

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steppe

a dry, grass-covered plain



Example: The steppe of Mongolia offers people both challenges and opportunities.

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arable land

Land good for farming

Example: There is very little arable land in Mongolia.



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continental climate

a climate with hot summers and cold winters, found only in the Northern Hemisphere



Example: Both Michigan and Mongolia have a continental climate.

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nomadic

people who move from one place to another rather than settling permanently in one location



Example: About half of the people in Mongolia are nomadic.

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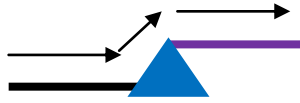
cultural landscape

the visible features of an area of land as modified by humans showing the imprint of a cultural group



Example: Buildings, bridges, cell towers, and other human features make up cultural landscapes. (SS060403)

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cultural change



a shift that may occur within a culture, usually as a result of outside influences

Example: Wearing of blue jeans was a cultural change in many different countries.

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cultural trait

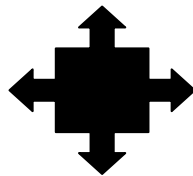


an idea or way of doing things that is common in a certain culture

Example: Cultural traits such as food and music often spread across cultures.

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cultural _____

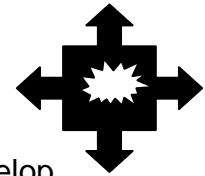


the spread of cultural traits from one culture to another

Example: Migration and trade often result in cultural diffusion.

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a place where cultural traits develop

Example: Early cultural hearths include Mesopotamia, Egypt and West Africa.

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barrier



something that inhibits or prevents the spread of ideas

Example: Physical barriers such as mountains and social barriers, such as religion, have often prevented the spread of ideas or objects from one culture to another.

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