

Other cultures

Find out what your partner knows about other cultures.

1. What foods from other countries have you tried? Which did you like?
2. Do you often see people wearing clothes from different cultures in the streets of your town? Do you know which countries they are from?
3. Do you ever listen to music from other cultures? Do you know the names of any of the artists?
4. Do you ever watch films with subtitles?
5. Would you like to go and live in a country that has a different culture to your own?
6. Do you think it's important to retain your own culture even if you move to another country?
7. Do you have friends from other cultures and countries? Would you like to have more friends from other cultures?
8. Do you think children should be educated within the culture of the country they live?
9. What do you think about mixed marriages with people from different cultures? Does it encourage greater cultural understanding?
10. Do you think sport is a good way to build intercultural understanding?
11. Would you recognise any art from another culture?
12. Do you think children should learn and study many different religions at school or just the religion of their parents?
13. What most interests you about other cultures?

Sports have their own sets of cultural characteristics, and these characteristics have an impact on the identities of individuals, teams and clubs involved in them.

- 1 Choose a sport from the list below, and identify three characteristics which you associate with people who practise it.

Sport	Characteristics
Athletics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x 100m relay • pole vault • marathon Baseball Basketball Boxing Downhill skiing Figure skating Golf Ice hockey Motor racing Mountaineering Rowing Rugby Sailing Soccer Squash Tennis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doubles • singles 	Ability to take criticism Aggression Calmness Cooperation Determination to practise Egotism Extroversion Patience Perseverance Quick thinking Sensitivity Sharing Stamina Teamwork Toughness Versatility

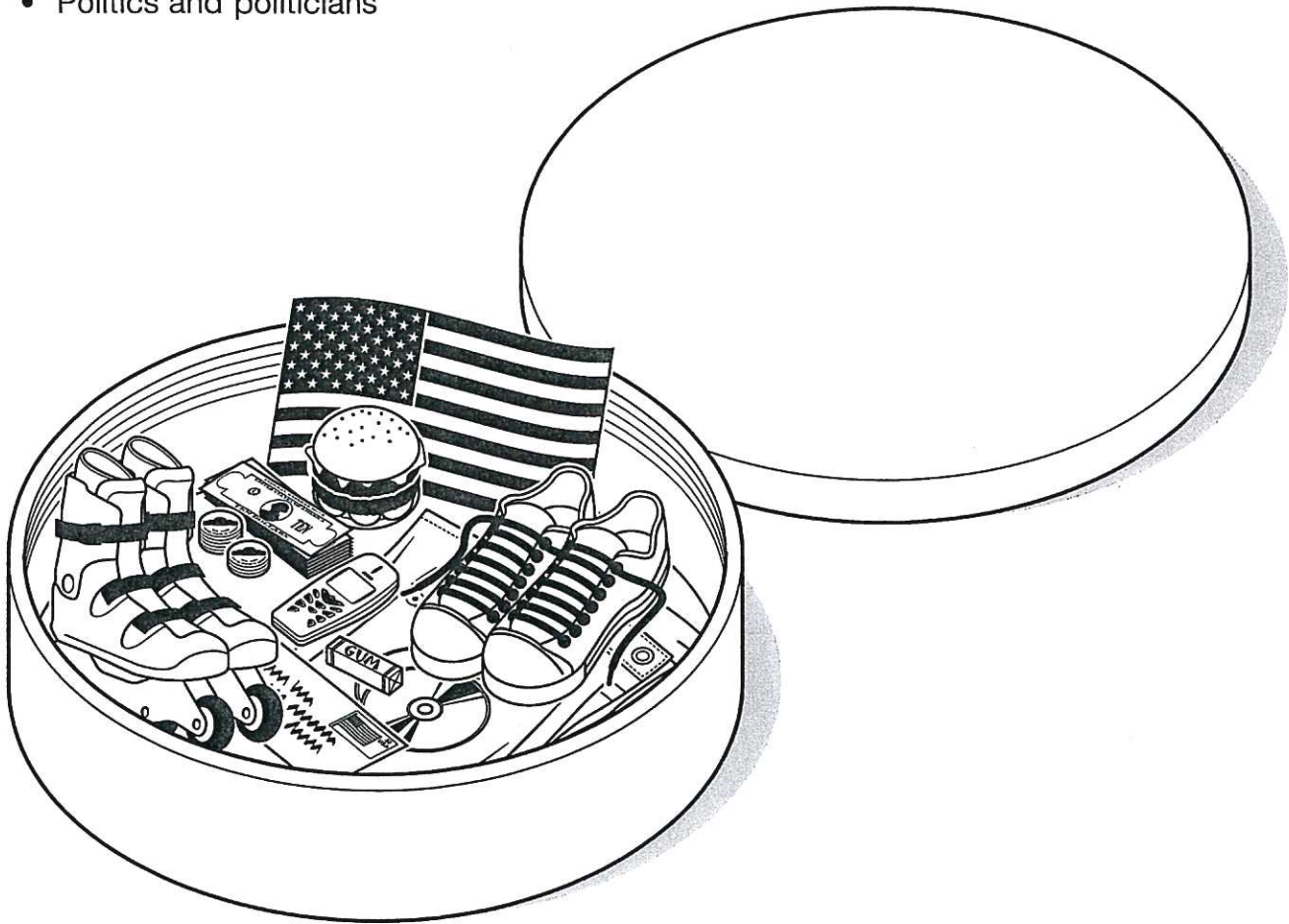
- 2 For three of these sports:
- choose a successful team
 - discuss the characteristics which have contributed to the success of the team.

Some aspects of culture change quite quickly, others change more slowly.

Imagine you have been commissioned to devise a time capsule which, in one thousand years' time, will give a clear idea of the culture of your country at the beginning of the 21st century. Try to make the capsule as representative as possible of the things that shape or have shaped your national culture today. Include ten items, only one of which may be a book.

Possible categories:

- Technology
- Fashion
- Art
- Leisure
- Literature
- Customs
- Behaviour
- Demonstrations
- Politics and politicians



Which country?

"Chatter" Etiquette Sheets

It is impolite to shout, so talk softly. Whisper. Even if people cannot hear you, do not raise your voice.



It is impolite to talk to more than one person at the same time. Always talk to a single person standing near you so that you can have a private conversation. Do not address your remarks to the group as a whole.



It is important to get others' attention before you speak, so hold your hand above your head and snap your fingers before you make a statement or ask a question. That's the polite way to get everyone's attention.



It is impolite to crowd people, so maintain your distance. Stand away so that there is at least an arm's length between you and the nearest person. If anyone gets too close to you, back off until you have achieved the required distance.



It is friendly to share your thoughts and feelings without any inhibition, so make several self-disclosure statements. Describe your intimate feelings about different subjects. Ask personal questions of the other members of the group.

