

BODY LANGUAGE



cultural crossroads

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body language (non-verbal communication)

gestures

facial expression

eye contact

posture

physical distance





QUIZ GAME



1. In the US, thumbs up means “good job”, and in some cases, that means “take a ride”.



2. Making a circle with one's thumb and index finger means “OK” in Japan while that means “money” in France.



3. People in Japan greet each other by putting their hands together and bowing slightly.



4. The Maori in New Zealand normally greet each other by hugging.



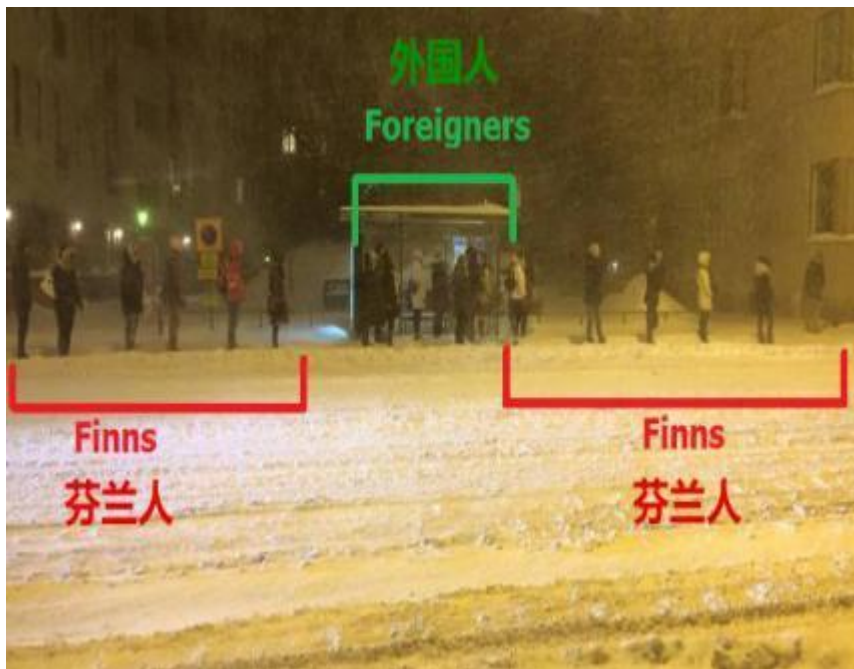
5. In the Middle East, Arabs are very likely to greet each other by touching noses.



6. A visiting friend is very likely to be greeted with kisses on each cheek in France as well as in Russia.



7. Finns and Swedes need personal space as much as we Chinese do.



COMMUNICATION: NO PROBLEM?



Background information

When	Yesterday
Who	Another student and I; this year's international students
Where	The Capital International Airport
What to do	Meet and greet international students, taking them first to their dormitories and then to the student canteen.
How to spot	See several young people enter the waiting area looking around curiously.

Try to summarize the main idea of Para. 1

Which part of background information can be omitted from your summary?

Cultural misunderstandings

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The first cultural mistake



Tony Garcia
( Colombia)

approach Julia
touch her shoulder
kiss her **on the cheek**



Julia Smith
( Britain)

step back appearing surprised
put up her hands, as if **in defence**

The Second cultural mistake



George Cook
( Canada)

reach his hand **out** to Akira



Akira Nagata
( Japan)

bow
his nose touched George's
moving hand

Cultural misunderstandings

The Greeting Mistake



The Way of Greeting mistake



Similar and different greeting customs



**Ahmed
Aziz**



Author



**Darlene
Coulon**



**Tony
Garcia**



shake

hands



Try to summarize the main idea of Para. 2 & 3

What do I learn as I get to know more international friends?



Not all cultures greet each other **the same way**, **nor** are they comfortable in **the same way** with touching or distance between people.

People express their feelings using **unspoken “language”** through physical distance, actions or posture.

Use your own words to summarize what I learn from Para. 4

Does the author agree with the statements below?

These actions are not good or bad, but are simply ways in which cultures have developed.

, however,

... Not all members of a culture behave in the same way.

In general, though

Studying international customs can certainly help avoid difficulties in today's world of cultural crossroads.

What will you do to avoid difficulties at the cultural crossroads?

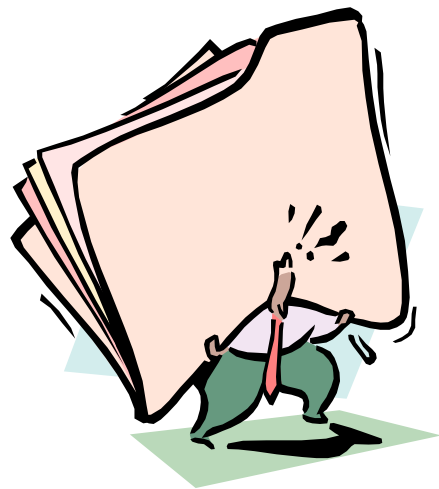
Respect and accept different customs.

When in Rome, do as the Roman do.

Use your own words to summarize Para. 5

Summary Writing

Do a summary writing (55 - 75 words).



A sample answer for summary writing:

A student and I went to meet and greet this year's international students at the airport. According to my observation, cultural misunderstandings occurred several times when we greeted one another. That's because our body language varies with cultures. Therefore, if we respect, accept and study different customs, problems in cross-cultural communication can definitely be smoothed away. (56词)

Assignment

- 1. Polish your summary writing. Try to use as many expressions you have learned as possible.**
- 2. Search information about body language. Share in class the strange body languages you know from other cultures, explain the meanings behind those body languages.**

Thank you for
your participation!

