

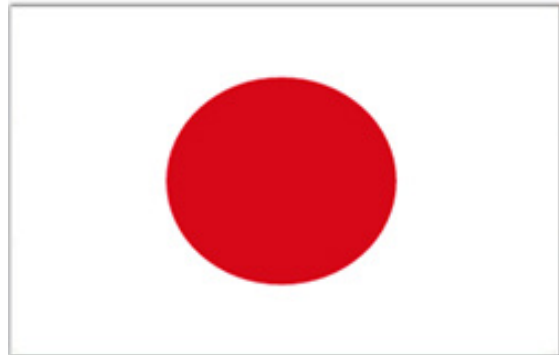
DIFFERENT CUSTOMS

Does your culture follow any of these customs?



South Korea

Always use both hands to pass something to an older person.



Japan

Slurping noodles is not only seen as polite — but it also means you have enjoyed your meal.



Egypt

Don't eat anything with your left hand.



Canada

If you are invited for a meal, you should arrive on time – not early or late.



Indonesia

Never point to anything with your foot.

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Are any of these customs unusual to you? Explain.

What other interesting customs do you know?

What customs should a foreign visitor know about your country?

Vocabulary Exercise

Below is a list of words related to 'custom'. Find the meaning of the words from the given choices.

multicultural
conventional
unorthodox
mainstream

- the thoughts, beliefs, and choices that are accepted by the largest number of people
- different from what is usual or expected
- following the usual practices of the past
- relating to a number of different cultures, esp. to the traditions of people of different religions and races

Gap fill exercise

Complete the sentences using the words learned.

- The school board strongly endorsed a curriculum that reflected a _____ education.
- He has an _____ teaching style.
- The story was largely ignored by the _____ press.
- We were raised in a _____, middle-class family.

Discussion

Share your thoughts by answering the given questions.

- What are your favorite customs?
- What customs do you think should no longer be practiced?
- Do you think it is important to follow a country's custom when you visit there?
- Do you enjoy learning about other countries' customs?