

## 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?

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