



Open Discussion Questions

Topic: Customs and traditions

Level: Advanced

Date: Day 16th

Custom : **1 a** : a usage or practice common to many or to a particular place or class or habitual with an individual **b** : long-established practice considered as unwritten law **c** : repeated practice **d** : the whole body of usages, practices, or conventions that regulate social life.

Tradition: **1 a** : an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior (as a religious practice or a social custom) **b** : a belief or story or a body of beliefs or stories relating to the past that are commonly accepted as historical though not verifiable **2** : the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction **3** : cultural continuity in social attitudes, customs, and institutions.

1. Do you know much about your own culture? When people from other countries think about your culture, what do they usually think of? What do you like /don't you like about your culture? What in your culture are you most proud about?
2. Are there many people of different cultures in your country? Are you friends with any? Have you ever felt confused by the actions of someone from another culture?
3. What does it mean to be polite in your culture? What is considered rude in your culture? Is there anything in your culture that is considered rude that may not be considered rude in other cultures?
4. What is the best/most important thing your culture has given to the world /has adopted from another culture?
5. What is culture shock? Have you ever experienced culture shock?
6. What are the five most important values of your culture? (For example, Family)
7. What customs do you practice? What are your favorite customs? What customs do you think should be revised? What customs do you think should no longer be practice? What customs (from elsewhere) do you think should be included in our culture?

