



What is
culture and
where does it
come from?

TAKE IT FURTHER:

THINK

What curiosity questions can you ask?

e.g. What does culture mean to you? Is culture something that you are born with? Which culture(s) do you feel a part of? What sort of music, art, costumes etc. are associated with your culture? What is the link between culture and environment?

FEEL

How might different people feel about this?

e.g. How does your culture make you feel? Why are there so many different cultures around the world? What can we learn from different cultures? Why is language a valuable part of culture? Have you ever been stereotyped because of your culture? How did this feel?

CONNECT

What links can you start to make?

e.g. What is the link between culture and environment? How has culture travelled around the world? What connection and value does language have to culture? What impact does language disappearing have on culture? What can we learn from cultural diversity?

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RESOURCES:



THINGS TO READ




[What is culture?](#)

(Article| *Live Science*)

[Culture and environment – what’s the connection?](#)

(*Lesson ideas*| *Safe and caring schools*)



THINGS TO WATCH



[Dancing the World](#)

(4 minute video | *Dancing Matt*)

[Radi-aid – Africa for Norway](#)

(3 minute spoof video| *SAIH*)



THINGS TO LISTEN TO



[Celebrating or stereotyping culture?](#)

(12 minute podcast| *TED radio hour*)

[The value of culture](#)

(Series of short podcasts| *BBC Radio 4*)



THINGS TO DO



[Nine ways to celebrate diversity](#)

(Tips and guidance| *British Council*)

[Recipes from different cultures](#)

(Tips and recipes | *Taste of Home*)



THINGS TO INSPIRE



[Explore our Global Cultures topic](#)

(A full inquiry curriculum | *ThoughtBox Education*)

[Meet our Global Cultures changemakers](#)

([Alberto Gomes](#) | [Saif Ali](#) | [Celia Demoor](#))

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Activity ideas:

1. What does culture mean to you?
With this question in mind, find an old magazine or newspaper and create a culture collage to bring together all of the words, images, colours, symbols, shapes, ideas that represent culture in your eyes. You can focus on your own particular culture(s) or think about global cultures in general.
2. What is the culture of your local area? There are direct and indirect links between the birth of cultures and the geography and environment of landscapes around the world. So what is the traditional culture and heritage of your local area and how back does this go? Try and research beliefs, practices and traditions that have come from the place that you live.
3. Cultural diversity allows us all to feel a sense of belonging without needing to be the same. Each culture around the world will have its own unique food, music, costumes, traditions and practices which make it special. Why not have a cultural celebration in your home: choose a particular culture and design a day where you and your family all dress, eat, dance, sing, listen to music and learn language and traditions from a unique global culture.

USE THE **THINKER'S GUIDE TO HELP YOU*

What other activities could you do?

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