



A World of Culture

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The art of international relations demands both oral communication skills, as well as an intuitive understanding of foreign cultures. To that old adage of it not being “what you say,” but “how you say it,” MiLanguages’ cross-cultural training adds the lesser known, but vitally important concepts of “why you say it” and “when to say nothing at all.”



Cross-cultural training develops cultural awareness, motivating comprehension through unspoken language and cultural traits. You’ll discover the unique and rich history behind unusual traditions and intriguing practices from dining to gift giving. It’s training that provides fascinating and valuable insights into appreciating not only the host country, but also yourself in terms of your own culturally determined behavior and responses.



Let MiLanguages’ cross-cultural training help you develop your foreign relations skills to gain an edge, avoid costly mistakes, and put you on comfortable cultural footing with international friends, colleagues, and customers.

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Did You Know?

FUN CULTURAL FACTS

In Poland, you don't cross your fingers for good luck, you hold your thumbs.

If you are in Mexico and receive an invitation to a party that starts at 8 p.m., you are expected to arrive at least one hour later - never at the time the invitation indicates.



When you get the hiccups in India, start saying the names of people you know until the hiccups go away. The person's whose name coincides with the hiccups ceasing is believed to be thinking of you.



In Tibet, people often greet each other by sticking out their tongues. It is considered polite and a sign of respect for others.

To answer the phone properly in Germany, say your last name instead of "Hello."

The head gestures for agreement and dissent, nodding for "yes" and shaking for "no," are reversed in Albania.

In Vietnam, it is a sign of respect to call a set of parents by their oldest child's name because it shows that they are no longer considered children themselves, but are responsible enough to have children of their own.

In Ukraine, there is a tradition to decorate Christmas trees with a small fake spider web. The first person to find the web on Christmas morning is bestowed with good luck.