

Worksheet One

Warm-up: How many countries can you identify in the world map? Discuss in groups and write them down.



Presentation:

Step 1: When you visit different countries, you should pay attention to customs because customs change depending on where you are. Observe a video clip twice and find out what we shouldn't do in these countries respectively as many as possible.

	Don't do
Brazil	
Sweden	
China	
India	
United States	

Reference answers:

	Don't do
Brazil	Don't make "OK" sign Don't eat with your hands Don't speak Spanish language Don't call USA "America"
Sweden	Don't talk loud Don't touch people's personal space
China	Don't greet people with a bow Don't write people's names in red

	Don't leave your chopsticks standing like poles
India	Don't go indoors with your shoes on. Don't pass people things with your left hand. Don't wear inappropriate clothes.
United States	Don't smoke in public. Don't refuse to give tips.

Step 2: As a Chinese, we can explain to foreigners the reason behind these customs. Would you have a try?

Reference answers:

1. In China, we don't leave your chopsticks standing like poles because it symbolizes sticks at a funeral.
2. In China, we don't write with red ink because it is a symbol of death.

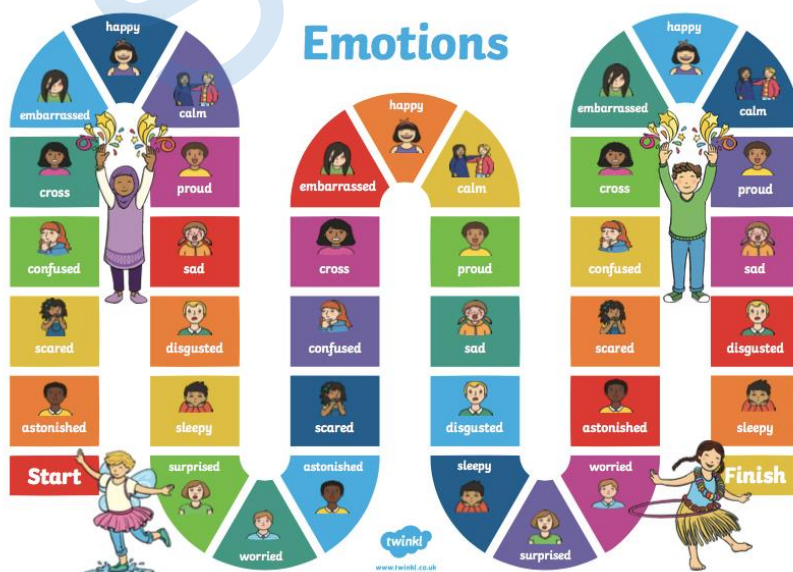
Step 3: Apart from customs, language can also show cultural diversity. Suppose some students from our sister school abroad are visiting our school. You are asked to give a talk about "Chinese words and their stories". Brainstorm about words in Chinese and their different usages in different context.

Reference answers:

1. "dongxi" can mean "east and west" or "a thing or staff"
2. "dayi" can be a noun meaning "general idea" or an adjective meaning "careless"
3. "jingshen" can be a noun meaning "spirit" or an adjective meaning "energetic"[[
4. "daye" can mean "an arrogant person" or "father's older brother"

Practice:

Play the emotion board game – Ask students to play the game in a group of four. Players need to roll the die and move the game piece that number of squares. Read the emotion written in the square and say a time you have felt this emotion. The first player to get to the end wins!



Reference answers:

In China, I feel cross when I find people leaving their chopsticks standing like poles. / I feel cross when people write my names in red.

In Brazil, I feel astonished when I find people eating with hands.

In Brazil, I feel confused when people say they come from America./In China, I feel confused when people ask me “Ni shi shenme dongxi?”

In United States, I feel disgusted when I find people smoking in public.

In Sweden, I feel embarrassed when people touch my personal space.

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