

51 Vocabulary

51.1 CUSTOMS AND CULTURES

My father believes that family **values** are very important.

values

[the principles and beliefs that somebody holds]



We taught our children to follow the same **practices** as us.

practices

[ways of doing things, often traditional]



We lead a quiet **way of life** in the country.

way of life

[a typical routine or pattern of behavior]



She has a very healthy **lifestyle**.

lifestyle

[the way a person leads their life]



They loved being in the stadium **soaking up** the atmosphere.

soak up

[take time to absorb and enjoy experiences as much as possible]



I try to **blend in** on vacation and not look like a tourist.

blend in

[look or seem similar to the surrounding place or people]



I'm so sorry! I didn't mean to **cause offense**.

cause offense

[do something that upsets others]



It took me a while to **acclimate** to the weather.

acclimate (US) / acclimatize (UK)

[get used an environment, surroundings, or culture]



I like to try **traditional** dishes when I travel.

traditional

[part of old customs or beliefs]



There are some interesting **local customs** and dances.

local custom

[something that is done locally as part of tradition]



My friend speaks a southern **dialect**.

dialect

[the way that a language is spoken in a certain area]



Many religions have **rituals** that haven't changed for centuries.

ritual

[an action that is always performed in the same way]



Countries often have a great deal of cultural **diversity** within them.

diversity

[range or variety]



Many different **nationalities** were at the conference.

nationality

[people from a nation with a shared culture and language]



Some people believe **globalization** is bad for local customs.

globalization

[the increasing similarity between different cultures across the world]



A lot of **stereotypes** are false.

stereotype

[a fixed, often incorrect, idea about what a person or thing is like]



My parents like children who have good **manners**.

manners

[polite or accepted social behavior]



She picked up lots of **bad habits** from her brother.

bad habit

[something wrong that you do regularly]



The city is **steeped in** history.

steeped in something

[be completely involved in or surrounded by something]



I don't usually eat with chopsticks, but **when in Rome**.

when in Rome

(do as the Romans do)

[when you travel, act as the local people do]

