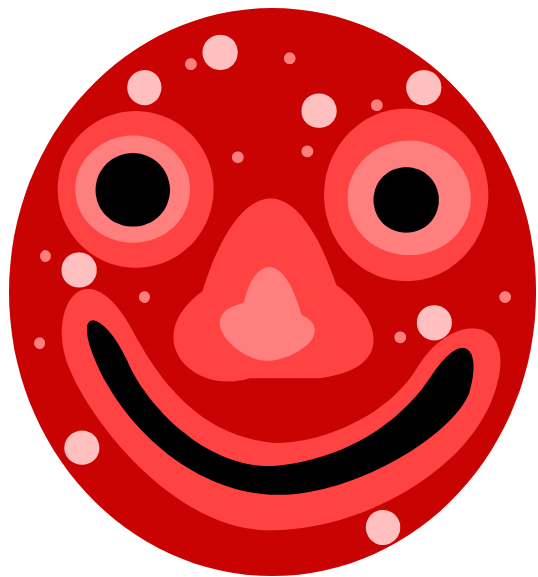


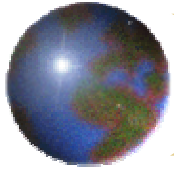


Study Abroad Culture Session



*How Do You
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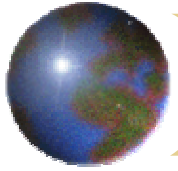




What is Culture?

- ❖ "Culture is a neutral term, neither good nor bad, and refers to the broadest conception about the learned knowledge that humans use to fulfill their needs and wants."
 - ❖ Historical patterns, values, societal arrangements, manners, ideas, and ways of living.
 - ❖ Things learned while growing up: language, religion, beliefs about economic and social relations, political organization and legitimacy.
 - ❖ "Do's and Don'ts" of society. *

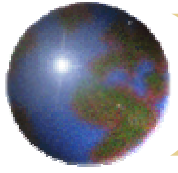
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✦ “One of first things you will encounter when you go abroad is something you can’t really see, that “thing” is CULTURE*.” In order to adjust and enjoy your time overseas, you must acknowledge that:

- ✦ You have a culture
- ✦ The other country has a culture
- ✦ Some things will be familiar to you
- ✦ Some things will be different for you

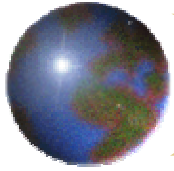
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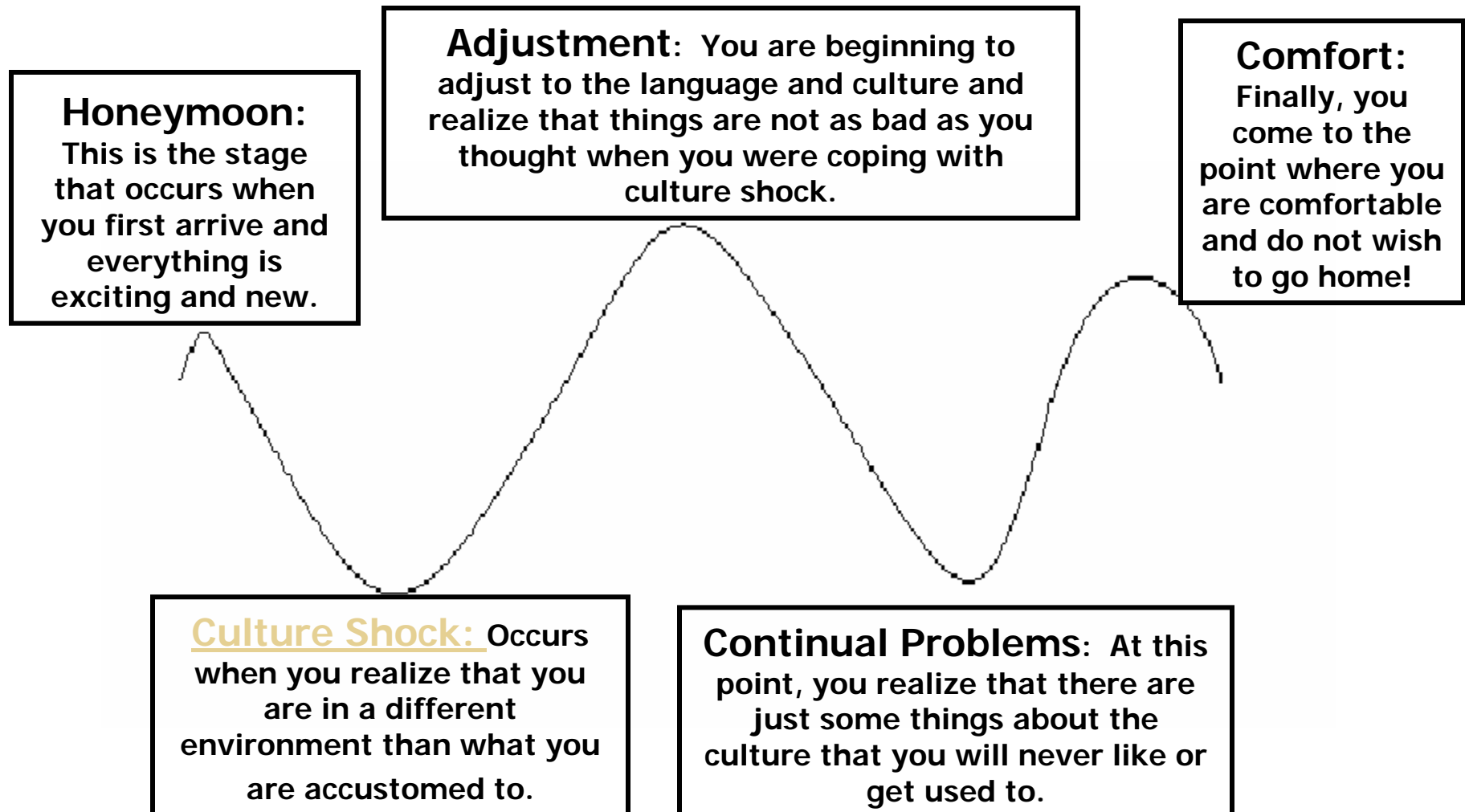
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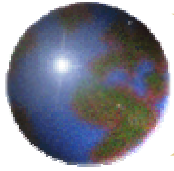
- ✦ Feeling isolated or alone
- ✦ Sleeping too much/Tiring easily
- ✦ Finding it difficult to sleep
- ✦ Body Pain (head, neck, back, stomach)
- ✦ Wanting to return home
- ✦ Feeling angry toward local people

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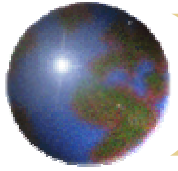
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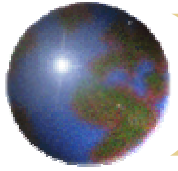
Culture Shock Intensity Factors

1. Cultural Differences
2. Ethnocentrism
3. Language (World English and foreign languages)
4. Cultural isolation (from your own culture)
5. Prior international experience
6. Expectations
7. Status
8. Control



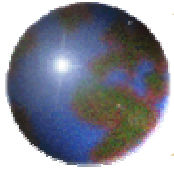
When Cultures Are Different...

- ✦ Your job will be to figure out
 - ▣ What those differences are
 - ▣ Where they come from
 - ▣ What they mean
 - ▣ How you are going to respond when conflict and misunderstandings arise



Time in Other Cultures

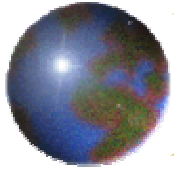
- ⊕ Time is something that is important to every culture, but how we view it and use it are different.
 - ⊞ Monochronic time
 - ⊞ Polychronic time



“Time Test”

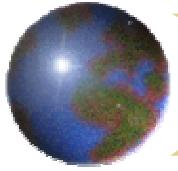
- ✦ **For each of the characteristics listed below, determine if the statement represents monochronic culture or polychronic culture**

1. People are never too busy.
2. Schedules are sacred.
3. To be late is rude.
4. Being made to wait is normal.
5. The focus is on the task, getting the job done.
6. Interruptions are life.
7. Plans are fixed, once agreed upon.
8. This attitude is consistent with an individualist viewpoint.
9. The focus is on the person, establishing a relationship.
10. Time is money.
11. Plans are always changing.
12. People stand in line.



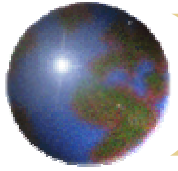
Indonesian

"I have been offended by how little Americans know about my country. They either think it is completely underdeveloped or that it is a jungle full of wild animals. Even when I find an American who knows something about Indonesia, it is only the negative things that he's heard about, such as our repressive government or the corruption of our officials."



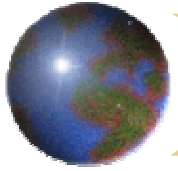
Iranian

“It is puzzling when Americans apply the word *friend* to acquaintances from almost every sector of their past or present life, without necessarily implying close ties or inseparable bonds.”



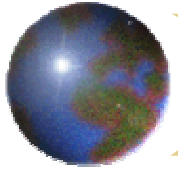
Sudanese

"The hardest thing for me to accept and get used to when I first came to your country was how impersonal everything was. Whenever I bought a Coca-Cola or a chocolate bar or a postage stamp, I had to buy it from a machine rather than from a living person. You can't talk to a machine and even when it gives you a candy bar, it cannot establish a satisfying relationship with you. But in your country many people want to spend time by themselves rather than talking to other people in a friendly conversation."



Indian

“Americans seem to be in a perpetual hurry. Just watch the way they walk down the street. They never allow themselves the leisure of enjoying life; there are too many things to do.”



Colombian

“The tendency in the U.S. is to think that work is life. Work seems to be the only motivation.”