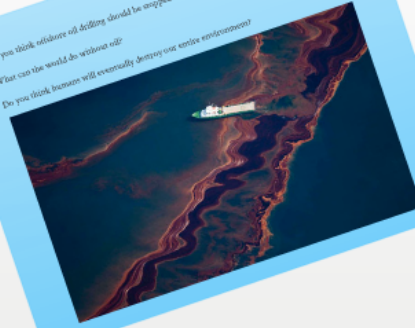


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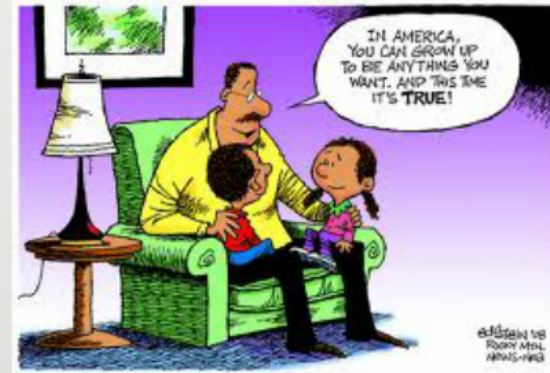


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1. You left your car at your teacher's desk. You go to work, and an American co worker asks you, "How are you?" What do you say?
 - a) "I'm good"
 - b) "I'm, how are you?"
 - c) "I'm not doing too well" - I just shrug and then my teacher is like, "I'm fine"
2. An American has invited you to their home for dinner. Should you bring anything?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Only if they ask
3. Two of your co workers are talking, and you have to sit over at their computer. There's a printer nearby.
 - a) Go back to your desk and wait until the conversation is over.
 - b) Interrupt their conversation and ask the questions.
 - c) Stand there and watch them until the conversation is over.
4. You are invited to a wedding reception that is going to begin at 5:00 pm. What time should you arrive?
 - a) Anytime - it doesn't matter.
 - b) At 5:00
 - c) Sometime 5:00 and 5:30

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What are some things that define what culture is?
What are some aspects of your culture that you find interesting?

When people from other countries think about your culture, what do they usually think of?

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Garbage

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1. You just found out that your mother is sick. You go to work, and an American co-worker asks you, "How are you?" What do you say?

- a) "Not good."
- b) "Fine, how are you?"
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2. An American has invited you to their house for dinner. Should you bring anything?

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Quiz Part 2

5. You've been married for 10 years, but you've never worn a wedding band. Should you wear one in the United States?

- a) No.
- b) Only at formal events.
- c) Yes.

6. You and your neighbor get along very well, and they tell you, "Come over anytime." What should you do?

- a) Do what they say—go to their house whenever you want.
- b) Never go to their house.
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7. You meet an American at a luncheon. They ask you what you do for a living, and after you tell them, you ask them:

- a) What they do and how much money they make.
- b) What they do.
- c) What they do and where they work.

8. You just started a new job, and you need to make a personal call. What should you do?

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- b) Make the call—it doesn't matter, as long as you're an employee.
- c) Don't make the call until lunch time, and do it outside your workplace.

9. An American tells you that your shirt is nice. What do you say?

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