

# Teaching Culture!



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**Name of activity:** "Do you know what I mean?"

**Type of activity:** Quiz, warming up

**Topic:** intercultural awareness, Stereotypes

**Material:** alarm clock, pen & paper

**Number of learners:** At least 5 students. It's better to have people from different nationalities.

**Language level:** A2-C2

**Time:** aprox. 5 min each student

**Goal:** At the end of the activity the students will have insights into the thinking of others about their own culture and they will also get an impression about typical aspects in different cultures.

**Possible challenges:** The students shouldn't know each other very well

**Preparation:** classroom with chairs and tables

**Procedure:**

1. Everybody should think out one typical aspect of his own culture.  
(e.g. "fika" – the coffee break in the mornings at work in Sweden)
2. This term has to be written on a note, hidden, so that nobody can see the word.
3. Everybody has 10 questions and/or 5 minutes to guess right.  
(e.g. "Is that typical thing well-known all over the world? Is it something that happens every day? Will children do that as well? ...")
4. The answers should help the asker a little bit to get more information for the next question and also to get to know more about the behaviour of the people doing that "cultural thing".
5. After 10 questions or 5 minutes it's the turn for the next participant.  
Follow up: To motivate the students, the winner of the game (least questions or time needed) could get a small price like sweets

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