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# Task sheets

INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCES



**MADE FOR:**

language teachers and  
multicultural educators

**TO BE USED WITH:**

immigrants, exchange students,  
language learners,  
and many more

**READY TO GO, EASY TO USE!**

# Task 1

## The cultural iceberg model

Like an iceberg, about 10% of an iceberg is above the water. The rest is below the surface. Culture is very similar to an iceberg. It has some aspects that are visible and many others that can only be suspected, guessed, or learned as you grow to understand cultures.

When we enter another culture, we usually first interact only with the top 10%. Sometimes people make assumptions or develop ideas about another cultural community without really understanding the deep culture that makes up the majority of that culture's values and beliefs.

Decide which features of culture are **easy to see** (above the water) and which are **difficult to see** (below the water). The numbers of items above the water and below the water are your first and second digits of the code.

NATURE OF FRIENDSHIP

IMPORTANCE OF TIME

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

FOOD

FASHION

THE ROLE OF FAMILY

GENDER ROLES

RELIGIOUS RITUALS

RULES OF POLITENESS

TRADITIONS

CONCEPT OF BEAUTY



CODE DIGITS: \_\_\_\_\_



















