

Course: Advanced

Level 3

Day №23



- 1. What do you like about your country?*
- 2. What don't you like?*
- 3. Where in the world would you like the most to live?*

Let's have an activity:

Choose the meaning of the following and try to use them in your own sentence:

Take advantage of

-The feeling of stress from being in a new environment.

Hassle

-Open to new things.

Culture shock

-To get as much as you can from.

Open-minded

-A minor problem or inconvenience.

Dale and Chip are British students studying in Tokyo. They are living in the same dorm, but they've had very different reactions to their time abroad. Listen to their conversation.

Dale: Hi, I'm back!

Chip: Where have you been?

Dale: After class I went through Harajuku to the Meiji Shrine. Amazing! Then I found this noodle restaurant. I talked to the owner. Great fun! What did you do?

Chip: I took a walk and went down to that pub we went to the other day.

Dale: Again? What's wrong with you? We're in Tokyo, man! Why go to a British pub in Asia?

Chip: I don't know. I'm tired of temples and stuff. Everything is too touristy and crowded. I wanted some good food.

Dale: Japanese food is great. And, hey, it's a lot healthier than British food. But you barely even try any.

Chip: I've tried lots of things. I just don't like most of it, that's all.

Dale: But we only have another month on our study abroad program. You have to take advantage of your time here.

Chip: I'm tired of studying Japanese. I guess I'm just tired of all the hassle of being here.

Dale: That's culture shock. You're stressed out because you're in a new culture.

Chip: What new culture? Tokyo is totally modern. It's like big cities everywhere—traffic, too many people. I can't even FIND Japanese culture here.

Dale: Maybe it's because you hardly go out and find it! If you tried a little harder, you might discover some things, like the customs are really different.

Chip: Really? People bow instead of shaking hands, but so what?

Dale: You are so negative. You need to be more open-minded. It's cool here. And Britain is so boring and old-fashioned.

Chip: I'm proud to be English. You should be more proud of your country.

Dale: You think I'm not?

Chip: Sometimes. Sometimes I really think you've gone native, you know.

Dale: All right, let's not argue. Come on, I'll buy you a beer at the pub.

Check your understanding:

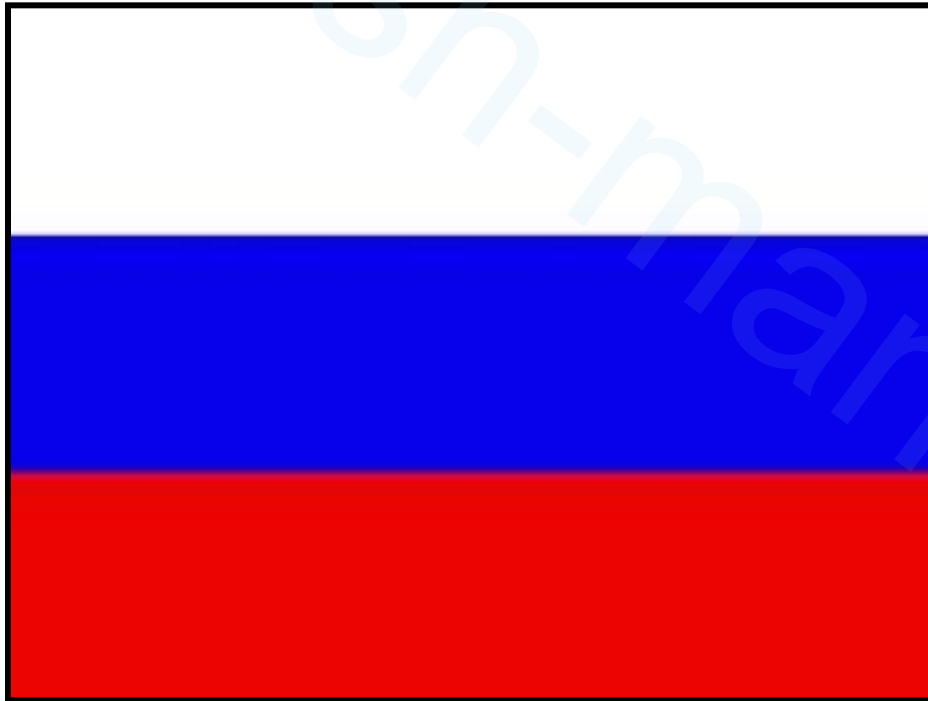
1. ***What did Dale do after class?***
2. ***What did Chip do after class?***
3. ***How does Dale feel about his experience in Tokyo?***
4. ***What is Chip's explanation for the way that Dale feels?***
5. ***What does Dale say about Chip's feelings?***

Discussion

If you had to live abroad, what is the one thing that you will miss about your country?



What can you say about your country?



What are the
things that
you can be
proud of?

Are you
proud to be a
Russian?
Why? or Why
not?

What are the things that
you think should be
improved in your country?

Read their opinions and decide to whom to do you agree with.
State your reason why.

- ☐ Mark: Chip is too narrow-minded. He should appreciate his time abroad.



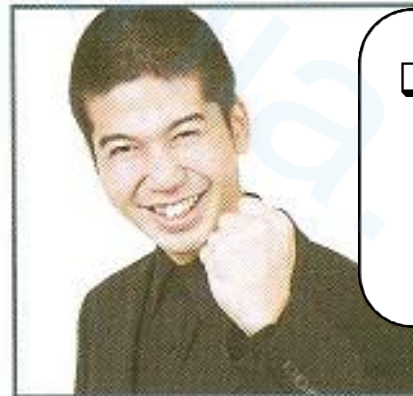
- ☐ Iris: Dale should appreciate his own country. Not just foreign countries.



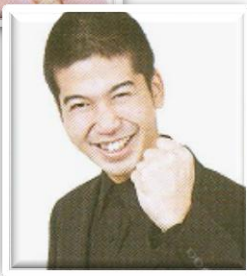
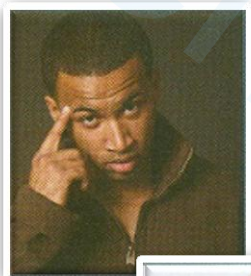
- ☐ Anna: It's normal to be stressed when we are abroad.



- ☐ Shingo: Chip is right. Having pride in your own country is important.



What Do You Think?



Do you agree with Mark says?

Read carefully their opinions.
Check the opinions that you agree with.

No, not really. I think it's important to be proud of your country

| Do you agree with | Mark's opinion? | |
|-------------------|--|---|
| | What Mark says? | |
| No, | I don't. not really. not at all! | It's important to be proud of your country. |
| Yes, | I do. I guess so. Completely! | Chip has too much pride in his country. |

Extending the Topic

COUNTRY PRIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

How much pride do you have in your country? Circle your answers.

| | Absolutely! | Yes | I guess | Not really |
|--|-------------|-----|---------|------------|
| My country is very beautiful. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The history of my country is interesting. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| The language(s) spoken in my country is/are beautiful. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I like to tell foreigners about my country. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I am proud to be from my country. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Calculate your score:

| | |
|-------|----------------|
| 5-11 | = weak pride |
| 12-15 | = medium pride |
| 16-20 | = strong pride |

Answer the questions:

1. What was your score?
2. Do you think that's true?
3. What questions would you add to a county pride questionnaire?



Culture Corner

Stage 1 – Excitement

- The individual experiences a holiday or “honeymoon” period with their new surroundings.

Stage 2 – Withdrawal

- The individual now has some more face-to-face experience of the culture and starts to find things different, strange, and frustrating.

Stage 3 – Adjustment

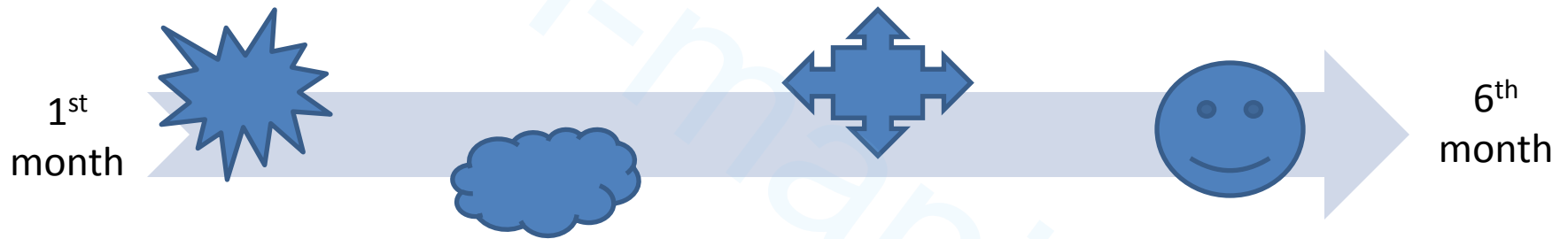
- The individual now has a routine, feels more settled, and is more confident in dealing with the new culture.

Stage 4 – Enthusiasm

- The individual now feels “at home”.

Task

Pretend you will have to live abroad for 6 months. Make a timetable and discuss at which point in the table you will most likely experience each stage of culture shock. Give examples of experiences that could signal each stage.



***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***