

EXTENDED WRITING: CULTURE SHOCK

B2 | Adults / Teens | Discussion Writing | 20–30 minutes | Set 2

Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

1. What is culture shock?

2. Have you ever experienced culture shock?

3. How can people make living in another country easier?

4. Is your country easy for newcomers to adapt to? Why or why not?

5. What difficulties might foreigners face when living in your country?

6. What is reverse culture shock?

7. Have you ever been surprised by behaviour in another culture?

8. Would you consider marrying someone from another culture? Why or why not?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. What is culture shock?

Example: Culture shock is the stress or confusion people may feel when everyday customs, language and social expectations are unfamiliar. It often becomes easier with time and support.

2. Have you ever experienced culture shock?

Example: I have experienced a mild form of culture shock when routines and communication styles were different from what I expected. Observing carefully helped me adjust.

3. How can people make living in another country easier?

Example: Learning basic language, finding local support and staying curious can make the transition easier. It is also helpful to accept that mistakes are part of learning.

4. Is your country easy for newcomers to adapt to? Why or why not?

Example: My country can be welcoming, but adapting may be difficult when services, social rules or information are not available in several languages.

5. What difficulties might foreigners face when living in your country?

Example: Foreigners may struggle with bureaucracy, housing, workplace expectations and making close friends. Small practical problems can feel larger when someone has no support network.

6. What is reverse culture shock?

Example: Reverse culture shock happens when a person returns home and finds that familiar places or relationships now feel different. Their experiences abroad may have changed their perspective.

7. Have you ever been surprised by behaviour in another culture?

Example: I have been surprised by direct or indirect communication styles in other cultures. Rather than judging quickly, I try to understand the reason behind the behaviour.

8. Would you consider marrying someone from another culture? Why or why not?

Example: I would consider it because shared values and respectful communication are more important than having the same background. Cultural differences can also make a relationship richer.
