

Cultures and Traditions

Grade 2 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students recognize that people from different cultures may have different traditions, foods, clothing, music, and celebrations. • Standards: D2.Geo.6.K-2

People around the world have many different traditions, foods, and celebrations. Read each question and write your answer.

1. Some families celebrate birthdays with cake. Other families celebrate with special fruit. Are both ways good ways to celebrate?
2. Maya's family eats rice with dinner every day. Ben's family eats bread with dinner every day. Can both families enjoy their meals?
3. In some places, people greet each other by shaking hands. In other places, people greet each other by bowing. What are these two different ways of doing called?
4. Lina wears a colorful dress for her family's spring celebration. This special clothing is part of her family's what?
5. Some families play drums and flutes for music. Other families play guitars and violins. Name one thing that is the same about both families.
6. Mr. Chen's class learned three different words that mean 'hello' in three different languages. Does this mean people everywhere like to greet each other?
7. Jamal's family celebrates a harvest festival in the fall by sharing food with neighbors. Emma's family celebrates a winter holiday by lighting candles for eight nights. What is one way these celebrations are different?
8. In one country, many people eat noodles made from wheat. In another country, many people eat noodles made from rice. Why might people in different places make noodles from different ingredients?
9. Rosa's grandmother teaches her traditional dances from their family's culture. Why is it important for Rosa to learn these dances?

10. At a school festival, five families shared foods from their cultures. One family brought dumplings, one brought flatbread, one brought stew, one brought rice balls, and one brought fruit salad. What did the students learn by tasting all these foods?

Answer Key — Cultures and Traditions

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. Yes (*Different families celebrate in different ways, and all ways are special.*)
2. Yes (*Families from different cultures can eat different foods and both enjoy them.*)
3. Traditions (*Traditions are ways that people do things in their culture.*)
4. Culture or tradition (*Special clothing worn for celebrations is part of a family's culture or traditions.*)
5. Both families enjoy music or Both families play instruments (*Though the instruments are different, both families share the joy of making music.*)
6. Yes (*Even though the words are different, greeting others is something people do in many cultures.*)
7. They happen at different times of year or They have different activities (*One celebration is in fall and one is in winter, showing different traditions.*)
8. Different plants grow in different places or They have different foods available (*The foods available in each place affect what people cook and eat.*)
9. To keep the traditions alive or To remember her culture (*Learning traditional dances helps pass culture from one generation to the next.*)
10. Different cultures have different foods or People eat many different foods around the world (*Experiencing foods from different cultures helps students learn about diversity.*)