



Mimi – mind changer

Appreciating customs and traditions

This mind changer activity is designed to better understand and appreciate different customs and traditions. Imagine that your colleague is inviting you to his/her house. As a welcome ritual, you are being served many traditional dishes. However, you are not hungry at all. How can you manage to communicate this to your colleague without being offensive?

Step 01

Prepare

Think about different ways of reacting in the given situation. Take some notes.

Step 02

Implement

Present the example above to your learners.

Step 03

Develop

Brainstorm with learners about how to react in this situation.

Step 04

Follow-up

Have learners think about similar examples and discuss them in class. How to react?

Recommendations, Tips & Hints

Ask learners about their opinions on intercultural communication. Why is it an important skill – especially nowadays - and what are the benefits?

Classroom resources

Flipchart/whiteboard
Pens

Duration

60 minutes



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Picture this:

You are abroad in your company's branch office for a work-related meeting. Your colleagues there surprise you with a traditional welcome ritual. This means that they prepared many different traditional dishes for you to try. They obviously put a lot of effort in it to welcome you. However, you are not at all hungry. In fact, you did not reckon with such a reception, which is why you feel overwhelmed. How do you react appropriately?

Have a look at the



About the tool

This exercise will help you strengthen your intercultural communication skills.

Food for thoughts

Ask your colleagues/friends, if they have made similar experiences and how they have reacted in such situations.

Key words

Understanding cultural rituals and responding appropriately.

Watch this:

<https://www.enchantingtravels.com/travel-blog/top-six-welcome-rituals-from-around-the-world/>