Cultural Etiquette and Taboos
Etiquette

Etiquette means the rules you need to follow when you are with other people. However, it is different from country to country.
Taboo means something you cannot do. It is also different from country to country.

Today, we are going to talk about the differences in etiquette and taboos.
Greetings

It is always polite to exchange greetings when you meet someone.
How can we say hello in ... 

We say **hello** in English.

We say ____________ in Chinese.

We say ____________ in Japanese.

We say ____________ in Spanish.

We say ____________ in German.

We say ____________ in Italian.
Can we say hello without using any words?

Not only the spoken language, but body language is different in different countries.
In Japan

People *bow* when they meet each other.
In Thailand

Sawatdee-krap

People bow slightly with the palms pressed together.
In Italy

Italians greet friends with two light kisses on each cheek.
In Hawaii

Aloha

The "shaka sign" is a common greeting in Hawaii.
In New Zealand

Maori

Maori people press their noses together when they greet each other.
In Tibet

People **stick** their tongue out at someone.

It shows you have no **evil** thoughts.
Game: Rock the Beat

Rules

- Follow the picture on the screen and do the action.
- You need to follow the tempo.
- The group that has no mistake wins.
Gesture

To tell something without words.
This gesture means “okay.”

In the UK
the USA
Australia

But it is rude in Brazil.
This gesture means number 2 in Germany.

But

In China

It means 8.

What does it mean in Taiwan?
This gesture means “come here”.

In the UK
the USA
Australia

But it is quite rude in the Philippines.
V-sign is really rude.

In the UK
Australia
New Zealand

What does it mean in your country?
This gesture means “rock on.”

In Spain, it tells a man that his wife is cheating on him.
To cross one’s fingers is to wish for good luck.

In the UK, the USA, and Australia.

But it is rude in Vietnam.
Taboo

Oh my god! Do not do that in my country.
Think and Guess

Here are some taboos in different countries.
Have you heard any of them?
Discuss in groups and choose a country.
Do not pass your food from chopsticks to chopsticks.

a. In the UK
b. In Russia
c. In Japan
d. In France
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a. In the UK
b. In Russia
c. In Japan
d. In France
Do not give clocks and shoes as gifts.

a. In China
b. In the USA
c. In France
d. In Australia
Do not give clocks and shoes as gifts.

a. In China
b. In the USA
c. In France
d. In Australia
Do not touch anyone's head.

a. In the USA
b. In Thailand
c. In France
d. In the UK
Do not touch anyone’s head.

a. In the USA
b. In Thailand
c. In France
d. In the UK
Do not chew gum in public.

a. In Australia  
b. In Spain  
c. In Singapore  
d. In China
Do not chew gum in public.

a. In Australia
b. In Spain
c. In Singapore
d. In China
Do not show the v-sign to others.

a. In Brazil  
b. In Taiwan  
c. In the UK  
d. In Turkey
Do not show the v-sign to others.

a. In Brazil
b. In Taiwan
c. In the UK
d. In Turkey
People are not allowed to eat pork.

a. In Italy
b. In Japan
c. In the UK
d. In Turkey
People are not allowed to eat pork.

a. In Italy
b. In Japan
c. In the UK
d. In Turkey
It is rude to show the ok sign.

a. In Brazil
b. In Taiwan
c. In Russia
d. In Turkey
It is rude to show the ok sign.

a. In Brazil
b. In Taiwan
c. In Russia
d. In Turkey
What did we learn today?

Manners in each country are so different. Next time, if you want to go abroad, you should check the etiquette and the taboos in the country before you go there.