

THEME 6 BRIDGING CULTURES READING SKILL (ERKAD)

A. Read the dialogue and fill in the blanks.

Ferhat is at the information desk at Los Angeles airport now.

A : Hello, I came from Türkiye and it is my first time in Los Angeles. I've just landed. Do you have any suggestions for me?

B : Hello. Firstly, I would like to say welcome. I strongly advise you to visit Universal Studios in Hollywood. Amusement Parks are another choice. And you can go to Los Angeles Zoo, too.

A : What's the weather like here? I brought lots of stuff but all of them are lightweight clothes.

B : Well, the weather is sunny almost every day in Los Angeles.

A : What about food?

B : Oh, American food is not the same as Turkish food. They eat more fast food. You can eat a hot dog, sandwich, hamburger, cheeseburger, etc.

A : Thank you for your help. Bye.

B : Bye.

City : Los Angeles

Attractions :

Weather :

Food :

B. Read the texts. Are the following sentences T(true) or F(false)?

People greet each other differently in different countries.

In Türkiye, the handshake is a common form of greeting. Friends may greet each other by kissing the cheeks.

Shaking hands is also a common form of greeting in Nigeria. Men may place their left hands on the other person's shoulder while shaking hands. Only close friends and family members kiss and hug when they meet.

Cheek kissing is uncommon in China. People put both hands in a praying position and bow their heads a little bit towards their hands. They always smile when they meet each other.

1. In Türkiye, handshaking is a common form of greeting. _____

2. In China, friends give three kisses when they meet each other. _____

3. Only women place their left hands on the other person's shoulder while shaking hands in Nigeria. _____

4. Cheek kissing is uncommon in China. _____

5. Chinese people never smile when they meet each other. _____

6. In Nigeria, only close friends and family members kiss and hug when they meet. _____

C. Read the popular ethnic wedding traditions,

In South Africa, at a traditional wedding, the bride and the groom jump over a broom. It symbolizes the beginning of a new life.

In this Scottish tradition, the bride and the groom are covered in ash, eggs, feathers, and flour. Scottish people believe that it protects them against evil spirits and brings good luck.

In Philippines, at a traditional wedding, the bride and groom fly two doves into the air. It represents a long and peaceful life together.

In Germany, the bride and the groom saw a log in half in front of all their guests. It shows the bride and the groom's ability to work together.

In a traditional Indian wedding, the bride's sisters play a trick on the groom. They steal his shoes once he enters the wedding tent. The groom must bribe the sisters to return his shoes.

According to the tradition, the bride wears a red veil to hide her face. Her mother or friend holds a red umbrella over the bride's head. It symbolizes fertility. Red is a powerful colour in Chinese weddings. It symbolizes luck and love.

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