

The Culture Test

Imagine you are visiting the apartment of an acquaintance whom you know well (not a best friend however) Circle the letter of the appropriate behavior.

- 1) You may arrive at your host's home
 - a. Unannounced
 - b. As arranged by prior appointment
 - c. Later than the agreed upon time

- 2) On the main floor of the building, you enter the elevator and
 - a. If there are other people in the elevator, you find some unoccupied space. You turn around and face the door. You look at the accelerating floor numbers and you don't look or talk to the other occupants because you don't know them.
 - b. Find a place as close to another occupant as you can. You do not turn around. You face the back.
 - c. Stay as close to the door as you can. If there are other people in that place, you try to nudge them out of the way.

- 3) You may greet your host by
 - a. Embracing and kissing each other on the cheek
 - b. Shaking hands or simply saying "hello, or hi"
 - c. Bowing from the waist or nodding the head.

- 4) When you address your host, you use
 - a. The family name first.
 - b. Polite titles like, Mr., Mrs., or Miss plus the first name.
 - c. The first name

- 5) Before entering the house
 - a. You take off your shoes
 - b. You clap your hands to announce your arrival
 - c. You knock on the door and wait for your hosts to open and invite you in.

Much cultural behavior is learned outside of awareness. We know how to behave, but we can't explain the rules or how we learned them.