

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

I VOCABULARY

1. assumption
2. downbeat
3. period
4. accurate
5. brilliant
6. aesthetic
7. hulk
8. maid
9. wry
- a. a large, clumsy-looking person exceptionally clever or talented
- b. ironic
- c. concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty
- d. (archaic or poetic/literary) a virgin
- e. an accented beat, usually the first of the bar
- f. precise
- g. a thing that is accepted as true or as certain to happen, without proof
- h. a punctuation mark

II ORAL COMPREHENSION

Watch these two videoconferences from the website TED.COM and answer the following questions.

https://www.ted.com/talks/derek_sivers_weird_or_just_different

1. What is the point of Derek Sivers' conference?
2. Pick out the five examples he gives to illustrate his views. Provide a short summary and formulate an opinion about each one of them.
3. Can you think of any similar culture shock in your personal experience? Describe.

https://www.ted.com/talks/uldus_bakhtiozina_wry_photos_that_turn_stereotypes_upside_down

4. What is Uldus Bakhtiozina's occupation? Nationality?
5. What are her favourite topics?
6. Explain her current project in your own words.
7. What's the function of the stormtrooper mask?
8. Pick out one example to illustrate her arts project, explain it and give your point of view
9. Provide explanations to Uldus Bakhtiozina's self-portrait in wedding dress and wrestling mask.
10. How does she conclude her presentation?

III GRAMMAR

Using modal auxiliaries or conditional forms, give advice and recommendations to foreigners visiting France. Coin at least 10 sentences