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What is Culture

Culture Shapes Our Lives and Communities!

DEFINITION

> Culture is the collection of beliefs, customs, and behaviors shared by a group. It influences how people live, communicate, and interact with each other.

KEY CONCEPTS

Traditions

Traditions are practices passed down through generations, like holidays and celebrations.

Language

Language is how people communicate, including spoken, written, and signed forms.

Art and Music

Art and music express cultural identity and values, showcasing creativity and emotions.

Food

Food reflects culture through unique dishes and cooking methods that represent a community.

Values

Values are the beliefs about what is important in life, guiding behavior and decisions.

EXAMPLES

→ Celebrating Thanksgiving in the United States.

→ Speaking Spanish in many Latin American countries.

→ Enjoying sushi as a traditional Japanese dish.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'TALF' for Traditions, Art, Language, and Food.

★ Think of culture as a 'recipe' blending different ingredients.

★ Use the phrase 'Culture Connects' to recall how culture links people.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing culture with ethnicity or race.

✗ Overlooking the importance of language in culture.

✗ Assuming all members of a culture share the same beliefs.

QUICK RECAP

Culture is the shared way of life among a group of people. It includes traditions, language, art, food, and values that influence daily living and interactions.