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1. Print enough country cards for all students.
2. Each student looks at their card to see which country they are from and studies the characteristics and customs characteristic of that country.
3. Then the students are divided into mixed groups with some people from each country. Each group is given one task card, and each must take on a role and behave according to the customs of their own country.
4. Finally, the activity is discussed using the accompanying questions.

Instructions for role-playing



- What do we learn about these four different cultures?
- What role do physical contact and gestures play?
- What caused - or could have caused - conflicts?
- How did the participants resolve conflicts?
- Are there any similarities between these four cultures and your own? And how do they differ?
- What culture did you find the strangest?
- What was it like participating in the role-playing game?
- Did you find it difficult to understand the behavior or actions of others?

Questions after the role play



**The modified role-playing game is based on the following website:
<https://maledive.ecml.at/Portals/45/Roleplay2.pdf>**

Sources