

Culture

Prototypical Characteristics

American

- likes to eat meat

Japanese

- very polite

- When you meet a new person, you put them in a **category**
- You assume that person is **prototypical**
- *Example: A Japanese exchange student, Kenta, goes to the United States to study. He makes a friend, Tom. Tom thinks that all Japanese like anime, and talks about it all the time. But Kenta does not like anime.*

- Create your own example:

Examples of Japanese Culture

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

- Parts of culture:
 - common knowledge 常識
 - beliefs 信念
 - attitudes 態度
 - values 価値観
 - customs 習慣

Practice Question

1. For each of the following, decide if it is an example of culture or not:

- a. 漫画 such as *One Piece* and *Doraemon*
- b. positive attitudes towards 漫画
- c. the belief that 招き猫 is good for business
- d. the custom of bowing

Surface and Hidden Culture

- What do you say to a friend when you answer your cell phone? (日本語で)

- What is surface culture?

- What is hidden culture?

Video

- What is the example of Japanese culture in the video?
- Is it surface or hidden culture? Why?

- Intercultural misunderstanding comes from:

Practice Questions:

1. Which of these are surface culture? Which are hidden culture?

- The custom of exchanging 名刺
- The custom of 根回し
- The positive attitude towards 漫画
- The negative attitude towards sun tanning, particularly among women

2. List two examples of Japanese surface culture that were described in the lecture. Make sure to use the key words listed under Parts of Culture.

a. _____

b. _____

3. List three examples of Japanese hidden culture that were described in the lecture. Make sure to use the key words listed under Parts of Culture.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. Think of two examples of Japanese hidden culture that were not described in the lecture. Make sure to use the key words listed under Parts of Culture.

a. _____

b. _____

5. Do you think primates 霊長類 such as gorillas and monkeys have culture? Explain why or why not using the definition of culture given in the lecture.
