

Listening

Sample script

Steele		Hello, and welcome to this edition of <i>Culture Fighters</i> with me Samantha Steele. Today we look at culture shock. Most people think of culture shock as small things that upset or puzzle us when we are living or staying for a long time in another country. To explain further, here's Lorraine Chow, a teacher of intercultural communication at the University of the West of England.	
Lorraine Chow		Most of us tend to think of culture shock as a kind of exotic illness we get when we travel to foreign places... and that some people are immune to culture shock...	1

Sample items

2. The speaker says that in STAGE 2 of culture shock “you might begin to lose your sense of balance”. What does this mean?

(Interpreting a word or phrase as used by the speaker)

- A You feel that you are an outsider.*
- B You don't care about others' problems.
- C You become overly fond of the new culture.
- D You tend to forget about your home culture.

3. At this stage, why will you feel critical about the new culture?

(Understanding main ideas and supporting ideas)

- A You dream of being at home.
- B You think the new culture has no humour.
- C You confirm that your own culture is better.
- D You only remember the good aspects of your own culture.*