

## Ethnocentrism

A Culture shock can be an excellent lesson in relative values and in understanding human differences. The reason culture shock occurs is that we are not prepared for these differences. Because of the way we are taught in our culture, we are all *ethnocentric*. This term comes from the Greek root *ethnos*, meaning a people or group. Thus, it refers to the fact that our **outlook** or **world view** is centered on our own way of life. **Ethnocentrism** is the belief that one's own patterns of behavior are the best: the most natural, beautiful, right, or important. Therefore, other people, to the extent that they live differently, live by standards that are **inhuman, irrational, unnatural**, or wrong. 5

B Ethnocentrism is the view that one's own **culture** is better than all others; it is the way all people feel about themselves as compared to outsiders. There is no one in our society who is not ethnocentric to some degree, no matter how **liberal** and **open-minded** he or she might claim to be. People will always find some **aspect** of another culture distasteful, be it practices, a way of treating friends or relatives, or simply a food that they cannot manage to get down with a smile. This is not something we should be ashamed of, because it is a natural **outcome** of growing up in any society. 10 15

However, as anthropologists who study other cultures, it is something we should constantly be aware of, so that when we are tempted to make value judgments about another way of life, we can look at the situation objectively and take our bias into account.

1. Ethnocentrism comes from the Greek root

- a) **ethnos**
- b) different culture
- c) different people
- d) ethnocentric

2. Another meaning for the word outlook is

- a) Ethnocentrism
- b) **World view**
- c) Inhuman
- d) Liberal

3. A synonym for the word crude

- a) Liberal
- b) Outlook
- c) Inhuman
- d) **Natural**

4. An antonym for the word narrow-minded is

- a) **Open-minded**
- b) Close-minded
- c) Short-minded
- d) Less-minded

5. In which paragraph the word bias appears

- a) Paragraph A
- b) **Paragraph B**
- c) Both paragraph A&B
- d) None

6. Ethnocentrism is :

- a) A killing disease
- b) **A bias view to different cultures**
- c) Having liberal thoughts
- d) Not liking other people

7. Anthropologists are people who :

- a) Study plants
- b) **Study people and culture**
- c) Study sciences
- d) Study English

8. If you do not like some food from other culture, you are :

- a) Open-minded
- b) Liberal
- c) **Ethnocentric**
- d) Anthropologist

9. A culture shock happens when we are :

- a) Not prepared to cook food
- b) **Not prepared to accept other cultures differences**
- c) Not prepared to talk to other people
- d) Not prepared to grow up in a society

10. The " in " in the word inhuman is

- a) A suffix
- b) **A prefix**
- c) A stem or root
- d) A word

11. An antonym of the word rational can be formed by adding :

- a) The prefix " un "
- b) The prefix " in "
- c) The prefix " im "
- d) The prefix " ir "

12) Ethnocentrism is :

- an objective view to different cultures
- a subjective view to different cultures
- a different method of teaching English language
- a political issue

13) The term Anthropologists refers to people

- who study plants and nature
- who study people and cultures
- who study sciences
- who study English language

14) we may have a culture shock because of the way

- we deal with our parents
- we use buses and planes
- we are taught in our culture
- we are fed in our nutrition

15) "un" in the word <u>unimportant is

- a phone
- a pretext
- a word
- a prefix

16) Ethnocentrism can be defined as the view

- that one's own culture is equal to that of others
- that one's own nature is worse than all others
- that one's own culture is better than all others
- that one's own culture is poorer than all others

17) people will always find some aspect of another culture distasteful such as

- some practices
- a way of treating friends or relatives
- a food they cannot manage to get
- all the above