

Useful intercultural websites

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Annotated list of fifteen useful websites

1. **InterNations.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from:
<https://www.internations.org/guide/global/what-is-culture-shock-15332>
InterNations website explains the phenomenon of culture shock in a detailed and comprehensive way. It distinguishes the various stages of culture shock and provides readers with useful tips on dealing with its symptoms.
2. **Goabroad.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://www.goabroad.com/articles/culture-shock-stages>
This article also gives information about culture shock. In addition, it explains the differences between culture shock and depression, since usually sojourners cannot name their feelings and do not understand what they are struggling with. This article provides the reader with a great amount of useful advice for overcoming fears, anxiety and culture shock.
3. **Pacific Standard.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from:
<https://psmag.com/social-justice/knowledge-process-information-scotland-stereotypes-take-shape-86697>
This website was helpful in understanding the way in which stereotypes are being made and spread. The author of the article also explained how to avoid making stereotypes and she portrayed the solutions for broadening people's mindsets.
4. Garcia, Maria Isabel **"Stereotypes are for dummies."** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from:
<https://www.rappler.com/science-nature/ideas/science-solitaire/75566-stereotypes-for-dummies>
This article explains very thoroughly the influence of stereotypes on people's lives. The author assures that making stereotypes does not mean that people are evil, since this phenomenon is a natural way of behaviour. Human nature always tends to seek patterns so as to provide the feeling of safety and stability. Moreover, the author explains where the borderline of good and bad stereotyping lies.
5. **Transparent Language.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://blogs.transparent.com/>
Transparent language offers a very unique approach to language and culture learning. It offers a multitude of blogs about culture and events from a particular country so that everyone can choose a blog about the country they are interested in. Every blog offers language learning lessons and a "word of the day" column as well. The lay-out of the website is well-organised and easy on the eye.
6. **The Cultureist.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://www.thecultureist.com/>
A media platform that possesses sections on travelling, food and stories from people around the world who experienced cultural misunderstandings or culture shock. A good tool to get some useful tips and information about national habits that the travellers should be aware of.
7. **Culture Crossing Guide.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from:
http://guide.culturecrossing.net/about_this_guide.php
This site offers a database of cross-cultural information about every country in the world. It provides the users with advice how to navigate the world with sensitivity. The readers also have the opportunity to communicate with people around the world to get to know different cultures better. Moreover, this website gives access to global resources that will enable everyone to explore any culture they want. For example, it covers differences in gestures, greetings and communication styles.
8. **Skills You Need.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from:
<https://www.skillsyouneed.com/ips/intercultural-communication.html>

This article provides the reader with the definition of intercultural communication skills. It explains how the effective intercultural communication looks like, enumerates crucial areas of knowledge for people who want to improve their intercultural skills and exemplifies in which situations those skills would be useful.

9. **Communications Major.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://www.communications-major.com/intercultural-communication/>

This website offers another approach to intercultural communication, yet this time in the world of business. It explains that intercultural communication is of the highest importance in international business, since it helps to communicate across linguistic and intercultural barriers. It also diminishes the amount of misunderstandings and helps in overcoming prejudices.

10. **TED.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://ed.ted.com/featured/wJgVq9sO>

This Ted talk gives the audience useful advice on learning Chinese signs with a smaller effort. It may constitute a good motivator for someone who planned to learn an Asian language but could not come round to the unusual alphabet system.

11. **Lonely Planet.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/>

Another website created especially for travellers. It provides readers with plenty of possible destinations, communities they can join, types of travels(e.g. family holidays or backpacking) and useful information about hotels, flights and insurance.

12. **Culture Bump.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://culturebump.com/>

A very interesting website that is fully devoted to the phenomenon of a culture bump. It explains its definition, types, examples, the ways to resolve it and it also provides the readers with culture bump training so that they can avoid the bad consequences that can happen while experiencing this phenomenon.

13. Cantante Sandro, "**Culture shock in Sofia Coppola's Lost in Translation.**" Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/culture-shock-sofia-coppolas-lost-translation-sandro-cantante>

This article depicts the story that takes place in the movie "Lost in translation." The movie pictures the phenomenon of a culture shock and the hardship that people had to deal with while experiencing the acculturation process. The characters find themselves lost in a different culture and they feel overwhelmed. I would recommend everyone who ever travelled to another country for a longer period of time to watch the movie, since they would definitely relate to the characters' situation.

14. **Global Storybook.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://globalstorybook.org/>

This website would be perfect for people who are interested in travelling and learning about new cultures. One could find there a multitude of articles about various countries around the world: their customs, attractions, top sights to see, superstitions, traditions, unusual habits and food.

15. **Snarky Nomad.** Retrieved 1,December 2018 from: <https://snarkynomad.com/polish-stereotypes/>

The author of this article enumerates six common and well-known stereotypes about Polish people. At first he writes what the stereotypes are about and then overturns them all one by one and provides the readers with his subjective and honest opinion, which in my view is very joyful to read.

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1. <https://theculturetrip.com/europe/united-kingdom/articles/14-british-stereotypes-that-we-wont-even-try-to-deny/>

This website was really useful and helped a lot in writing my major assignment. It lists several interesting stereotypes of British people.

2. <https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-cultural-history-behind-tea-with-milk-and-sugar>

I found this website interesting, because it explains the historical background of drinking tea with milk.

3. <https://www.tandem.net/british-stereotypes-fact-fiction/>

British stereotypes are categorized as fact and fiction on this website. These are useful to learn how to differentiate between truth and lies.

4. <https://www.businessinsider.com/stereotypes-of-americans-usa-2018-6#and-they-dont-even-underst-and-soccer-7>
As the aforementioned websites this was a really helpful one as well, it was a great source for my major assignment. It lists a few stereotypes of American people and gives some advice to overcome them.
5. <https://www.fluentin3months.com/usa-clashes/>
Not only was this website useful but interesting as well. It was interesting to see some stereotypes from another aspect and described as personal experiences.
6. <http://www.bbc.com/culture>
This website lists several pages, articles and interesting things related to culture.
7. <https://www.inc.com/encyclopedia/intercultural-communication.html>
It is really useful, it describes the term intercultural communication and gives advices as well how to develop culturally sensitive verbal and written communication.
8. <http://www.nationalstereotype.com/nationality-stereotypes/>
This website presents nationality stereotypes in a humorous way.
9. <http://www.colors magazine.com/>
Colors Magazine is a page on which beautiful pictures, articles and blog posts are available. I found it very nice, really liked the pictures presenting different topics.
10. <https://www.rd.com/culture/>
The page of Reader's Digest has several interesting articles related to culture.
11. <https://www.ted.com/#/>
TedX is a well-known organization which organizes "talks" on which different topics are discussed. These talks are really useful to widen thinking and knowledge.
12. <https://www.veem.com/hungary/7-prominent-hungarian-stereotypes-business/>
It was interesting to read some stereotypes of Hungarians, of us. Sometimes it was funny as well, to face some facts to which I can relate to.
13. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jennagoudreau/2011/10/24/worst-stereotypes-powerful-women-christine-lagarde-hillary-clinton/#6343630161ca>
The worst stereotypes of powerful women are listed here. It was a bit too general sometimes, but relatable as well.
14. <https://www.sprachcaffe.com/english/magazine-article/amazing-cultural-facts-and-traditions-around-the-world-2015-08-05.htm>
Some traditions are listed on this website. Some were interesting and new for me, it is always good to get to know other cultures. But on the other hand you should take these statements with a grain of salt.
15. <https://www.omniglot.com/language/articles/10culturaldifferences.htm>
Some of these cultural differences were too general and maybe not related to these culture that much as it was described.

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Nas Daily

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/nasdaily>

Nas Daily is a Facebook Page whose creator posts a 1-minute video every day. He is travelling around the world and his videos are always about the local culture or some interesting person or phenomenon.

Dear Alyne

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/dearalyne>

Similarly to Nas Daily, Dear Alyne is a Facebook Page posting interesting videos about different cultures around the world. In fact, the creators are travelling together most of the time. However, Dear Alyne focuses more on issues that are relevant for women, and therefore she provides a different perspective.

Living Together

Link: <https://youthtogether.live>

Youth together is an online space and community for young people to express their opinions and experiences about living in another country, or about living together with people from different countries, cultures, backgrounds.

Wikitongues

Link: <https://wikitongues.org/>

Wikitongues is an online collection of the world's languages. It collects videos of native people speaking their own languages. Its aim is to create and archive of the languages of the world, in order to prevent them from being completely lost.

Give Nothing to Racism

Link: <https://givenothing.co.nz>

This is the website of an anti-racism campaign from New-Zealand. Its main element is a sarcastic video that tries to convince you to help and support the cause of racism. It also includes a toolkit for organization to use if they want to take part in the campaign.

Condé Nast Traveler

Link: <https://www.cntraveller.com/>

This is an online travel magazine, with different content about cultures, places to stay in different countries and local foods. However, I included it in this list because of the YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/condenasttraveler>. They have a video series where people from different countries of the world (or the 50 states of the US), provide a short information about their countries and culture. The video include thing like how to say hello, how to sing the happy birthday song, how to count to ten, how to tell if someone is from their country, etc.

Cut & HiHo Kids

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/watchcut>

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqa2MPu8bLY1PwVFUpSyVhQ>

These are two YouTube channels that have very diverse and interesting kind of videos, often addressing relevant social issues. Cut's most notable series according to me are: [One Word](#), [Deaf People Tell](#), [Blind People Describe](#), [Around the World](#), [Lineup](#), [100 Years of Beauty](#) and [Dirty Data](#). HiHo Kids has content that was originally also included in Cut's channel, however it grew so big that they started operating is as a separate channel. The reason I included it here is their [Kids Try](#) series, in which children try meals and food from different countries.

Conversations with People Who Hate Me

Link: <http://www.dylanmarron.com/podcast/>

Conversations with People who Hate Me is a podcast by writer and video maker Dylan Marron, whose work focuses mainly on social justice. In the podcast if gets in touch with people who left him negative comments on his videos, etc. and tries to initiate a conversation with them, trying to find out their motives behind the hateful message. He does not attempt to convince them of his own view, he just tries to engage in meaningful conversation in order to understand their perspective.

European Commission

Link: <https://ec.europa.eu>

The official website of the European Commission. I included them in this list, because I like their social media pages, especially their Instagram page, where they communicate information about relevant issues, topics and events in a youth friendly way. (<https://www.instagram.com/europeancommission>)

What Europe Does for Me

Link: <https://www.what-europe-does-for-me.eu/>

On this website we can get information about projects that the European Union is involved in in each member states and in each field of life.

This Time I'm Voting

Link: <https://www.thisimeivoting.eu/>

This is a website and an online community that aims to raise awareness to the upcoming 2019 European elections. They offer the possibility to become an active participant in the campaign, and they also organize events, such as speeches and conferences in all the member states that are free to attend.

Erasmus+

Link: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus>

The official website of the Erasmus+ program, where we can find information about all fields and project that the program covers, not only the most known one (university student mobility), but also about youth exchanges and training courses, strategic partnerships, structured dialogues, projects regarding sports, etc.

European Federation for Intercultural Learning

Link: <https://efil.afs.org/>

"European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL) contributes to Europe's future by providing intercultural education, European citizenship and the active participation of European citizens in the continent's life. The European Union and the Council of Europe are EFIL's core Partners for European fundraising, policy-setting and sharing." The website's aim is to "Contributing to peace and justice in a diverse world by promoting intercultural understanding and sensitivity among European and other countries, organisations and citizens."

Intercultural Learning Hub

Link: <https://hubicl.org/>

"The HubICL is a collaborative space for intercultural specialists, teachers, and students to network, share information, and collaborate on research across institutions." They have a Research Repository and an online Toolbox that can be openly used.

Mov'in Europe

Link: <https://movineurope.esn.org/>

"Mov'in Europe is an international project of the Erasmus Student Network started in 2014, running a multi-format campaign promoting various mobility opportunities to young people, students, and young graduates." They also have ambassadors who are offering guidance, mentorship to people who are just preparing for mobility projects and are in need to help.

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Intercultural communication - List of Websites

1. Mendoza-Denton, R. (2012, May 2). Cultural Stereotypes, or National Character? Retrieved December 5, 2018, from <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/are-we-born-racist/201205/cultural-stereotypes-or-national-character>

Psychology Today is an online magazine which mostly deals with topics about mental health, personality and relationships. Almost all the writers are psychologists, academics or psychiatrists. Stereotyping and the way it works is an interesting topic from psychological point of view, thus, it is not a big surprise I found a great article about cultural stereotypes on this website. It was written by a social/personality psychologist at a university, so I think it is a reliable source as well.

2. Jacobs, T. (2014, July 24). How Stereotypes Take Shape. Retrieved December 5, 2018, from <https://psmag.com/social-justice/knowledge-process-information-scotland-stereotypes-take-shape-86697>

Pacific Standard is an online magazine and its journalists write articles in various topics, like economics, education and environment. I found this article about stereotypes and how they take shape very interesting and useful for my presentation.

3. Lehtonen, J. Cultural stereotypes. Retrieved December 5, 2018, from <https://www.jyu.fi/viesti/verkkotuotanto/kp/vf/jaakko.shtml>

This website is organized by University of Jyväskylä's Cultural Department and focuses only on Finnish culture. The author of the article I cited is a professor of Organizational Communication, so it is reliable and a great source for presentations.

4. Brake, T. (2017, January 16). The problem with cultural stereotypes. Retrieved December 5, 2018, from <https://countrynavigator.com/blog/expert-view/cultural-stereotypes/>

Country Navigator is a company which offers trainings and learning opportunity for other companies or individuals who are interested in learning how to work more effectively across cultures. I found an article about cultural stereotypes on their website, which emphasizes that the reader's stereotypes might not match reality and it is important to keep that in mind.

5. Gates, M. (2017, October 22). Cultural Stereotyping. Retrieved December 5, 2018, from <https://www.crossculture.com/cultural-stereotyping/>

CrossCulture's major topic is culture and how culture effects business life. I found an article about cultural stereotyping on this website which was a good source for my presentation.

6. <https://msu.edu/course/psy/442/stereotypes.ppt/sld002.htm>

I found this slide show about cultural stereotypes useful to understand the topic, but I could not find any information on the author or the date it was made, thus it does not count as a reliable source. The original source of the slides is Michigan State University's website.

7. <http://worldofstereotypes.com>

I thought this website will present stereotypes about countries or nations in the form of articles. However, when I opened it I found that this website was made for people who want to share their stereotypes or prejudices about other nations in the form of a comment under the country's name. So this website is absolutely useless as a source, but if someone wants to have a good laugh, I truly recommend it.

8. Belyh, A. (2015, September 4). Understanding Cultures & People with Hofstede Dimensions. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://www.cleverism.com/understanding-cultures-people-hofstede-dimensions/>

Cleverism is a website that helps people find jobs and improve their career. They also have a magazine in which they release various job related articles for bosses and employees as well. This article about Hofstede's dimension is a great summary of his model and makes it easier to understand, and also explains its relevance in business life.

9. Gill, C. (2017, March 23). Hofstede's cultural dimensions and differences across cultures. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://blog.oup.com/2017/03/hofstede-cultural-dimensions/>

OUPblog is a website organized by Oxford University Press, and the authors post articles in various topics, like philosophy, literature or economics. This article about Hofstede's model is a great overview, in which the author also included the countries of the opposite poles.

10. Intercultural Communication Skills. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://www.skillsyouneed.com/ips/intercultural-communication.html>

SkillsYouNeed is a website which provides learning opportunity for people who want improve their professional or personal life. I found the articles about intercultural communication and intercultural awareness very informative and the author also included practical advice which can be quite useful. Unfortunately, the name of author and the date it was published was not available.

11. Muscato, C. Intercultural Communication: Definition, Model & Strategies. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://study.com/academy/lesson/intercultural-communication-definition-model-strategies.html>

Study.com is a great website as teachers post short cartoon videos in many different topics. They explain the terms and information which are important to understand a topic, so it is a fun way of learning new things. The website

has a whole chapter about culture and intercultural communication which consists of fifteen videos each around 4-6 minutes.

12. Intercultural Communication. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://www.businessstopia.net/communication/intercultural-communication>

Businessstopia offers articles and posts on economics and communication. It would be a great website for the intercultural communication course as it is easy to find the culture related articles. However, there is no information about the authors, so its reliability is questionable.

13. Fenell, Z. (2017, September 26). Importance of Intercultural Communication in Business. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://bizfluent.com/facts-6933179-importance-intercultural-communication-business.html>

Bizfluent posts articles for those who want to or just have started business and they need advice. There is an article about the importance of intercultural communication in business which can be helpful for a presentation about culture and communication for example.

14. Why Culture Shock is Good for You? Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://www.worktheworld.com/blog/why-culture-shock-is-good-for-you>

Work the World was established to help people get healthcare internships around the world. There is a blog post about culture shock, in which they explain what it is, what are the stages a person goes through when they try to adapt to a new culture, and why it is beneficial to experience it. This blog post can be very useful if someone is going abroad or just interested in culture shock in general.

15. Murphy, R. (2017, June 22). Culture Shock Stages: Everything You Need to Know & How to Deal. Retrieved December 5, 2018 from <https://www.goabroad.com/articles/culture-shock-stages>

GoAbroad helps people who wants to work abroad to find programs that suit them. These include studying, teaching or volunteering programs abroad. If someone is interested in taking part or wonders what it is like to live abroad, they have many articles to choose from. There is an article by Murphy, for example, about culture shock, in which she explains this phenomenon and its stages and provides some tips on how to deal with it.

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Intercultural websites

1. Wilderdome – Multicultural, Cross-cultural & Intercultural Games & Activities: <http://www.wilderdom.com/games/MulticulturalExperientialActivities.html>

This website contains plenty of useful activities that a teacher (or trainer) can use in a lesson (or training) on intercultural competence. I really like this collection, especially because of its variety: subjects vary from mathematics to language class, target groups from pre-schoolers to adults, and various materials like indigenous games, peace education, and even folk tales can be found on this site.

2. Pestalozzi Programme: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/Pestalozzi>

The Pestalozzi Programme was the Council of Europe's programme for teachers' development, however, unfortunately it is closed now. Luckily, though, the website still contains all of the training materials and resources that could be used in an intercultural lesson (these can be found under "Resources" on the menu). What I love about this website is that there are so many amazing books and exercises in topics such as social media, discrimination, sexual education, violence, intercultural competence development, cultural diversity, democratic citizenship and human rights.

3. Learn to Change: <https://www.learntochange.eu>

Learn to Change is an NGO and they define their vision as "a world in which education is the foundation of a just, inclusive and thriving society". I myself believe in the same world and thus as a future-teacher, love to inspire from the members of L2C. The website has a blog section with many thought-provoking posts (critical thinking, teaching human rights with films, decision-making, students' empowerment, etc.).

4. Hofstede Insight: <https://www.hofstede-insights.com>

This website is a useful tool for anyone who wants to study Hofstede's ideas especially in the organisational culture. His models are explained in a brief and easily understandable way. Webinars, books and projects are also advertised for anyone who is interested.

5. MindTools: <https://www.mindtools.com/CommSkill/Cross-Cultural-communication.htm>
MindTools is a very rich website, useful again for those who are interested in organisational culture, management, leadership and human resources. However, I think the skills that these articles help develop (problem solving, decision making, time- and stress management, communication skills, creativity and learning skills) are useful for every human being. The article that I found the most interesting is titled “Cross-Cultural Communication”. I like that anyone regardless of their background in Cultural Studies would easily understand these ideas.
6. Culture at Work: <http://www.culture-at-work.com/contents.html#culture>
Culture at Work offers services for organisations struggling with tensions and differences. This link provides useful activities if one wants to practice cross-cultural communication. I like the detailed instructions and the exercises themselves. I believe they can be easily transformed and used in an intercultural classroom.
7. International Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning Evaluation Toolkit: <http://www.crossculturetoolkit.org>
As its name suggests, this website contains tools and resources for developing intercultural competence. There are questionnaires which can be used to find out about our group’s (and each individual’s) current level. There are also activities and useful materials for teachers (e.g. learning about guided reflection).
8. The School of Teaching ESL: <http://schooloftesl.org/10-ideas-for-cross-cultural-esol-conversation-activities/>
This article recommends “10 Ideas for Cross-Cultural ESOL Conversation Activities” that can be used in the classroom. These are mostly topics that can be used to introduce and talk about cultures (food, marriage, family, money, passport, proverbs, movies, customs, clothing and stuff). Although most of them are only touching the tip of the iceberg, some of them give an opportunity to talk about the underlying aspects of culture.
9. Geert Hofstede: <https://geerthofstede.com/>
Here is the official website of Geert and Gert Jan Hofstede. Besides their biography, we can find useful articles (What is culture, 6D model of national culture, 6 dimensions of organisational culture). The best thing is that Geert himself explains each dimension in 10-minute long videos. So those who prefer audio-visual materials can easily learn everything about the model.
10. Medium.Com - Global Perspectives: <https://medium.com/global-perspectives>
Global Perspectives is part of the website Medium. We can find “stories, thoughts and ideas” for teachers and students who are “active contributors to their communities”. The “Global Ed” section gives an insight to what globally competent teachers and students should do, moreover, key concepts like culture shock and global education are also explained.
11. Teaching Tolerance: <https://www.tolerance.org>
If we click on “Classroom Resources”, we can find plenty of activities and lesson plans. I really like the key words below each title in which the audience (grade level), subject, topic and social justice domain are specified. Moreover, we can download any issue of the Teaching Tolerance magazine which is also a potential source for our studies.
12. ReachOut: <https://au.reachout.com/identity-and-gender>
Here we find different key words all related to identity: body image, cultural identity, gender, sexuality, spirituality. If we click on cultural identity, we can find stories and articles about culture-related things such as “Standing up to racism” or “Conflict between family and culture”. This website is really unique because it has an Australian focus, so we learn about culture through Australians’ eyes.
13. Learning-Mind: <https://www.learning-mind.com>
This website deals with thought-provoking and informative content on many topics, but mostly on self-development. Articles such as “Why You Need Assertiveness Skills and 5 Ways to Develop Them” or “The Power of Language” are useful for us since these are skills that make up intercultural competence.
14. Intercultural Dialogue (UNESCO): <https://en.unesco.org/themes/intercultural-dialogue>
This is the Intercultural Dialogue section of the UNESCO’s official website. We can get information on events and conferences, the latest achievements in certain territories (such as the fight against discrimination) and we can not only see, but also download their publications which could be useful for generally getting to know more about UNESCO’s work, and also for teaching as a reading exercise with some follow-up questions.

15. <https://afs.org/2017/03/22/benefits-of-an-intercultural-classroom/>

AFS organizes intercultural programs in the whole world. On their website, we can find every information we need to become either a host or an exchange student. However, what I find the most interesting is actually the articles, many of which are written about intercultural education; for example, the one that I linked here is about the Benefits of an Intercultural Classroom. I believe there is a lot to learn from these posts.

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Helpful Websites on Cultures

1. Food in Every Country

<http://www.foodbycountry.com/>

This website offers the information about food of 70 countries. Each page shows some recipes of traditional dishes, the environment, history, celebrations, and mealtime customs of the country. There is enough information to search the food culture around the world.

2. Culture Trip

<https://theculturetrip.com/>

The name of the website includes "trip", but this site is not about trip. It offers many interesting articles about various kinds of topics around the world. We can find the topics that match our interest and then the similar articles come up.

3. Deep Culture Travel

<http://deepculturetravel.com/>

This website offers us some information about travel such as museums, eat, and trains. We can make a plan focusing on the aspects of culture and search the details because there are many links that lead to more information.

4. The Cultural Landscape Foundation

<https://tclf.org/>

This website shows cultural landscapes with its history, the introduction of its designers, and the style. We can see not only saved landscapes but lost ones. The problem is the landscapes in the site are limited so we can't find the landscapes around the world.

5. BBC Culture

<http://www.bbc.com/culture>

This website offers both the traditional cultures and the popular cultures. It has 5 topics: film, music, art, books, and photography. They're displayed at random so as to draw our interest. We can enjoy looking at the website when we don't have any particular purposes.

6. Changing of the Guard

<https://changing-guard.com/index.html>

This website offers some information about the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, House Guards and Windsor Castle. The topic is unique to the Guard. Also, the site introduces ceremonial events, palaces, and castles in detail.

7. Culture Matters

<https://www.culturematters.org.uk/>

The website investigates what the culture is. There are many categories such as poetry, visual art, music, festivals, and sport. We can learn various thoughts about the topics because the sites offers the articles by a large number of writers and thoughts.

8. Shopper Culture

<https://www.shopperculture.com/>

This website offers the impact of shopping culture. It focuses on the aspect of brand strategy, but we can see some interesting articles in the main page. For example, the articles about Black Friday, Bookstores, and Straw Ban.

9. Study Body Language

<http://www.study-body-language.com/>

The phrase on the top page “Excuse me, do you speak body language?” is impressive. This website shows how to use body language. It deals with facial expressions, gestures, and eye contact, and we can obtain some clues to intercultural communication.

10. Memories in the Making

<https://www.japan.travel/en/>

This website offers the information about Japan especially to the tourists. There are massive information such as its attraction, art, festivals, adventure and eating. The greatest point is the site shows how we can enjoy the stay in Japan each month.

11. Africa Fact

<https://africa-facts.org/>

This website offers some interesting facts of Africa. There are a lot of information and photos about African food, art, and attractions, so we can learn African culture easily. Also, we can see not only the cultural aspect but economical aspect.

12. Passport to trade 2.0

<https://businessculture.org/>

This website offers business culture in Europe and India. There is massive information of each country. It also shows the educational standards and cultural taboos. We can compare some business cultures and find the characteristics of the country in terms of work.

13. Google Arts & Culture

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>

This website offers various kinds of topics. They're displayed at random and many photos draw our interest. The topic can be seen like a slideshow and we can learn it smoothly. The way to find the topics is interesting and we can search them by its time and color.

14. Christmas Around the World

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/>

This website shows how people spend Christmas around the world. We can find a lot of differences such as the phrase of “Merry Christmas” and the date of celebration among the countries.

15. Like a fish in water

<http://likeafishinwater.com/>

This website deals with the particular topics. They're about the anime tourism, train culture, and the description of Tokyo, Kansai, and Shanghai. The site is so unique that even Japanese people don't know some of the places and facts showed there.

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15 Intercultural Websites

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1. Culture Clashes is a great website. It describes the conflict between men and women, people of color, rich and poor, and religious groups. In addition, it is written about cultural backgrounds and governments.

www.cultureclashes.org/book/

2. Intercultural Communicate is a good website. It is explained about intercultural communication. And, there are many quotes and it's easy to understand. It's important to spread intercultural communication teaching and training at school. It connects to understand each culture.

<https://moniviestin.jyu.fi/ohjelmat/hum/viesti/en/ics/2>

3. Cultural Studies: Definition, Theory and Methodologies is a great website. It's for free to study cultures. After learning, you can do quizzes about cultures. By doing it, you can know it more and more.

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/cultural-studies-definition-theory-methodologies.html>

4. British Food is a great website. You can learn about British culture. We talked about the difference between supper and dinner in the class before. Kind of the meals is different from the hierarchy in Britain. There are traditional meals.
<https://www.learnenglish.de/culture/foodculture.html>

5. Cultural differences: Vegetarian morality differs around the world is an excellent website. Vegetarian people are few in Japan, so vegetarian morality is not familiar until I started to spend in European countries. Everyone has various thoughts because there are several religions in the world.
<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2013/10/08/Cultural-differences-Vegetarian-morality-differs-around-the-world>

6. Religion, Culture and communication shows the importance of the religion for humans because religion can be the foundation of life. When people who has different cultures interact, they should acknowledge each other.
<http://oxfordre.com/communication/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228613.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228613-e-166>

7. Share of Culture is an excellent website. As an example, the followings are written about a market. As the market, there are many cultures in the world.
<https://www.inc.com/rhett-power/what-is-share-of-culture-why-you-need-it.html>

8. It's about the difference between Culture Clash and Culture Shock. I often use "culture shock". I haven't used "culture clash" since I took this class. By feeling culture clash, you can discover the good or bad things about foreign countries or your home country.
<https://mixednation.com/culture-clash-vs-culture-shock/>

9. 18 Cultural Differences Between the USA and Europe
This video shows the differences from American person's point of view. We can see the differences or good points and bad points by this comparison. It's very important to be interested in foreign countries and to visit other countries. You can find the differences by yourself.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NutQz-MkVYQ>

10. The shocking differences in basic body language around the world. The shape of a sign is the same, but the meaning of the sign can be different by countries. Body language is a tool of communication.
<https://www.businessinsider.com/body-language-around-the-world-2015-3>

11. Multiculturalism in Europe and the USA, how is it going. It is described multicultural social from two different points of view. It's important to also respect the opinion of the minority.
<http://nouvelle-europe.eu/en/multiculturalism-europe-and-us-how-it-going>

12. It is said to be the importance of Gender. It's also important to respect the minority. People should learn about it at school. Teaching them is worthy to promote a better society in the future.
<https://owlcation.com/social-sciences/psychological-Cultural-Differences-Sexual-Identity-Gender-Identity-and-Sexual-Orientation>

13. By immigration, people can meet more persons from other countries and experience the cultures of many countries. Some people say immigration is not good, while there are good points and merits.
<https://www.newsweek.com/british-culture-not-danger-immigration-benefits-493018>

14. The relationship between language and culture is a great website. Language and culture are closely related. The origin of language is also from history and the background of the country. Culture and language wouldn't be lost in the future.
<https://www.lexiophiles.com/uncategorized/the-relationship-between-language-and-culture>

15. Strategies for Dealing With Intercultural Communication. Cultural issues are written through business. It's important that everyone has enough knowledge about culture.
<https://smallbusiness.chron.com/strategies-dealing-intercultural-communication-11875.html>

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1. Nordquist, R. (2018) The "Inner Circle" of the English Language. Retrieved 4, December 2018 from <https://www.thoughtco.com/inner-circle-english-language-1691069>

This article is about the inner circle of the English Language. This model was developed by Kachru, who was an Indian linguist. The inner circle shows countries, where English is spoken as a first language. I find this article very interesting because of useful information about language norms. Moreover, the controversial opinion on this model, which is also provided on the website, is interesting to read too.

2. Nordquist, R. (2018) What is Outer Circle English? Retrieved 4, December 2018 from <https://www.thoughtco.com/outer-circle-english-language-1691363>

This article focuses on outer circle of Kachru's theory. In my opinion, the explanation of outer circle is very accessible for understanding. By the way, this website contains a lot of other useful references.

3. Nordquist, R. (2018) The 'Expanding Circle' of English-Speaking Countries. Retrieved 4, December 2018 from <https://www.thoughtco.com/expanding-circle-english-language-1690619>

There are many peculiarities of expanding circle of Englishes discussed. What is more, I find the quotations in here are worth reading. This article also contains an interesting opinion on the topic "English as lingua-franca".

4. English Speaking Cultures & Cultural Differences. Wyzant. Retrieved 4, December 2018 from https://www.wyzant.com/resources/lessons/english/esl/resource-guide/english_speaking_culture?SSAID=314743
This article provides information about American and British culture as they relate to the English language. It is interesting to read and easy to understand; however, I find the information brief and generalized.

5. Bencze, R. (2013) Traditions, Customs and Festivals in English-Speaking Countries (UK, USA, Australia) Retrieved 4, December 2018 from <http://www3.gobiernodecanarias.org/medusa/ecoblog/lestpla/2013/01/26/traditions-customs-and-festivals-in-english-speaking-countries-uk-usa-australia/>

There are many customs and traditions discussed from historical and social points of view in the article. It was very exciting to read about the New Year celebration in England and in Scotland for me. Moreover, I was amazed by the fact that Chinese New Year is very common in Australia. I also didn't know about a tradition "Tournament of Roses" in America. So, I find the content of the text educational.

6. Customs and traditions of English speaking countries. (2017) Retrieved 4, December 2018 from <https://englishtopik.ru/customs-and-traditions-of-english-speaking-countries-1/>
Here you can find a short text about English traditions. The article says they are extremely important for English people. There are six public holidays in a year in Great Britain and each of them is described in the text. It was easy to read it and also took not so much time.

7. Schmitz, A (2012) A Primer on Communication Studies. Retrieved 4, December 2018 from <https://2012books.lardbucket.org/books/a-primer-on-communication-studies/index.html>
On this website you can find a book about intercultural studies for the beginners. There are 16 chapters in the book and each is interesting and unique. I have read only a few chapters by now, but I definitely would like to read the whole book. I think that each topic is important for future language professionals. By the way, it is also great that the access for the book is free.

8. Intercultural Communication: Cultural Barriers. Universal class. Retrieved 4, December 2018 from <https://www.universalclass.com/articles/business/intercultural-communication/intercultural-communication-cultural-barriers.htm>

This is a very exciting article which discusses many significant peculiarities of language usage in terms of culture. I find this one educational because there are many terms like low-context communication, high-context communication, self-enhancement style, self-humbling style explained. By the way, it is easy to read because of the big type.

9. Intercultural communication skills. Skills you need. Retrieved 6, December 2018 from <https://www.skillsyouneed.com/ips/intercultural-communication.html>
This is an interesting website, and I like its design: it is nice and easy to read and understand. I also appreciated the design of the content because it is well-structured. By the way, the information is given in a form of pieces of advice. However, I have to notice that there are too many advertisements on this webpage.
10. Intercultural communication. (2010) SCRIBD. Retrieved 6, December 2018 from https://ru.scribd.com/doc/38758438/Intercultural-Communication?campaign=SkimbitLtd&ad_group=126365X1587838X66ee0ab5a2f51b114d6283d1000adedf&keyword=660149026&source=hp_affiliate&medium=affiliate
You can find a big document about intercultural communication on this webpage, which can be easily downloaded. I also liked it a lot because the term of culture is discussed from different sides, which can definitely broaden the understanding of this term. Of course, this document is not a brief reading, but nevertheless, quite exciting as well as educational.
11. Schoeffel, V., Thompson, Ph. (2007) Intercultural communication 1. Retrieved 6, December 2018 from http://www.ymca.int/fileadmin/library/6_Communications/1_General_Tools/Intercultural_Communication_1.pdf
Here you can easily download a very interesting brochure which consists of 6 chapters. I find it is definitely worth reading because all the topics are not trivial. Some parts of the content is performed in a form of tables which helps perceive the information better. The text is illustrated with pictures and photographs; from my point of view, it is easier to memorize the information with illustrations.
12. Neese, B. (2017) The importance of Intercultural Communication in International development. Southern University. Retrieved 6, December 2018 from <https://online.seu.edu/intercultural-communication/>
This article focuses on importance of intercultural communication. You can find here a clear definition of the term "Intercultural communication". There is some important information about necessary skills and competences for successful communication and mediation.
13. Intercultural communication. LANQUA. Retrieved 6, December 2018 from <https://www.lanqua.eu/theme/intercultural-communication/>
I really liked this website because I could find an article about intercultural communication in the European Higher Education Area. In my opinion, this material is not very common, so definitely worth studying and paying close attention. Moreover, the text is well-organized and easy to understand.
14. Intercultural communication. Business writing. Lumen. Retrieved 6, December 2018 from <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/buswriting/chapter/intercultural-communication/>
This article defines and discusses how to facilitate intercultural communication as well as effects of ethnocentrism. Here you can also find some information on intrapersonal communication and the definition of ethnocentrism. What is more, there are some exercises at the bottom of the page to work on the material and to understand it fully.
15. Dzenowagis, A. (2008). Intercultural communication in global business. Paper presented at PMI® Global Congress 2008—Asia Pacific, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Newtown Square, PA: Project Management Institute. Retrieved 6, December 2018 from <https://www.pmi.org/learning/library/intercultural-communication-global-business-7044>
This is one of the best materials I have found. I definitely appreciated the structure. The content is also very unique; it provides many definitions of culture, models of understanding of culture, and presents culture as source of competitive advantage. I find the content educational and intriguing at the same time. By the way, there are also many useful links provided.

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1. Straight Talk (<https://communicationstyles.org/>)
A website on communication styles promoting Eric Douglas's book on communication techniques. It provides videos, articles and online trainings for organizations and companies.
2. TMA World (<https://www.tmaworld.com/>)

Another useful website offering solutions for companies to reach the “Borderless Workplace Challenge” that is successful communication across cultures.

3. Master of Advanced Studies in Intercultural Communication (MIC) (<https://www.mic.usi.ch/case-studies-intercultural-communication>)

This page offers cases on intercultural clashes relating to religion, workplace, family etc.

4. Hofstede Insights (<https://www.hofstede-insights.com/country-comparison/>)

Website offering comparison of countries through Hofstede’s model on cultural dimensions.

5. InterNations (<https://www.internations.org/guide/global/intercultural-communication-15409>)

A website focusing on intercultural encounters and experiences, with articles, guides and international communities to join in.

6. Learning-styles-online.com (<https://learning-styles-online.com/>)

This site is dedicated to the description of the seven types of learning, with characterizations and tips on how to approach each of them.

7. BusyTeacher (<https://busyteacher.org/>)

The website offers teaching material for ESL teachers and learners including articles and downloadable worksheets.

8. ThoughtCo. (<https://www.thoughtco.com/>)

A website with useful articles related to culture, communication, ESL, language learning etc.

9. Science of People (<https://www.scienceofpeople.com/>)

This site provides articles concerning body language, interpersonal skills and nonverbal communication.

10. Language & Culture Worldwide (<https://www.languageandculture.com/home>)

This website explains aspects of culture, such as the iceberg theory or intercultural competence.

11. Aperia Global (<https://www.aperianglobal.com/>)

Is a website providing counselling for companies and organizations regarding the “Borderless Workplace Challenge” that is “conducting business across boundaries”.

12. SlideShare (<https://www.slideshare.net/>)

A website containing presentations and slideshows with diverse topics including cross cultural training, the borderless workplace or intercultural communication.

13. Live Science (<https://www.livescience.com/>)

A database of scientific articles and researches in diverse fields, such as culture, health or technology.

14. OpenMind (<https://www.bbvaopenmind.com/en/>)

Another database providing scientific articles and up-to-date news on areas of science, humanities, culture, communication etc.

15. CrossCulture (<https://www.crossculture.com/>)

A website focusing on providing knowledge for individuals, teams and organizations to be able to conduct global business by using the Lewis model.

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1.) <https://www.gapyear.com/articles/opinion/12-stereotypes-british-people-travel>

This website can help the learner with the topic of stereotypes in the United Kingdom. There are hints about the British culture and these hints can help the learner to have a clue what to check if there is a word about the British stereotypes.

- 2.) <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/shortcuts/2018/apr/08/five-ways-to-communicate-better-and-influence-people>
The Guardian is always a good source. On this website there are tips about topics like how to make friends, and how to communicate with foreigners etc.
- 3.) <https://en.duolingo.com/>
I would strongly recommend Duolingo. It offers you a free language course online. It is a very good way of learning new foreign languages, or at least the basics of it.
- 4.) <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/stereotype>
I found this website very useful because it provides very clear descriptions of definitions (not only one), furthermore on the word what I was looking for there was even a video provided.
- 5.) <https://www.skillsyouneed.com/ips/politeness.html>
This website gives us a general idea about how to be polite. This can be useful not only at school or one's studies but also in general in our lives.
- 6.) <https://geerthofstede.com/culture-geert-hofstede-gert-jan-hofstede/6d-model-of-national-culture/>
This webpage explains the dimensions of the national cultures in form of little maps. This website helps to understand the idea of national cultures.
- 7.) <https://www.universalclass.com/articles/business/intercultural-communication/how-to-manage-intercultural-conflicts.htm>
On the universal class' page there is a long article about intercultural communication and about how to manage intercultural conflicts. It can be useful with writing essays, etc. Furthermore it deals with such expressions like, global identity, cross-cultural audience, conflict communication style, etc.
- 8.) <https://medium.com/global-perspectives/the-4-stages-of-culture-shock-a79957726164>
This page deals with culture shock. Its meaning and also its 4 stages, which can help us to understand its meaning better.
- 9.) <https://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Main/NationalStereotypes>
This site serves as an index of profiling all the national stereotypes in general. There are separate folders for many countries and by clicking on them you can find the stereotypes that belong to them.
- 10.) <https://www.waldenu.edu/programs/communication/resource/four-tips-for-effective-intercultural-business-communication>
This website deals with cross-cultural communication. There are 4 tips of how to achieve affective cross-cultural communication.
- 11.) <https://www.thespruce.com/etiquette-around-the-world-4158364>
On this website there are provided some of the world's nations "must know"s. The etiquette. It can help you if you are travelling to some of these parts, you can have a small idea about what to do and what not to do.
- 12.) <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/hungary>
This website is very useful for visitors or for those who would like to spend a great time in Hungary. There are tips where to go all around the whole country and there are also other articles according to the latest news.
- 13.) <https://www.studycountry.com/guide/CA-culture.htm>
This site contains information about Canada. Furthermore about its language, religion, sports, food, etc.
- 14.) <https://www.turkeyhomes.com/blog/post/9-things-to-know-about-turkish-traditions-and-culture>
On his page you can learn about the Turkish customs and traditions. It can be a great guideline if you want to point out some of these traditions or customs.

15.) <https://opinionfront.com/why-is-culture-important>

This website provides us some information about why culture is important, and how it influences people and gives us also some tips about it.