



**CULTURAL DIFFERENCES ARE
HIDDEN IN DAILY LIFE**

Introduction

- These days, more and more people are coming to Japan.

I have not been abroad yet, but I want to go someday!

- I believe that I need to know different cultures before go abroad because sometimes trouble occurs by not knowing.

In this presentation, I explain

- **My Understanding of Intercultural Communication**
- **Different Communication Patterns Can Make Cultural Differences**
- **My Findings of Cross-Culture**
- **My Experience and Future**
- **Conclusion**

My Understanding of Intercultural Communication

- “Culture comes from all ideas, ways of thinking, and knowledge. These concepts are also used as filters when we look at other cultures because people often determine whether different cultures are good or bad based on their own culture” (McClay, 2011, para. 1).

At this time,
cultural
differences may
occur!!

What we need to avoid cultural differences is

“cross-cultural understanding”

- “The way to cross-cultural understanding is to learn to recognize individual differences and gain an appreciation, respect, and knowledge of other cultures that are different from our own.” (McClay, 2011, par. 1)

~If we are aware of these beliefs, we can overcome cultural barriers little by little.~

Different Communication Patterns Can Make Cultural Differences

- Example

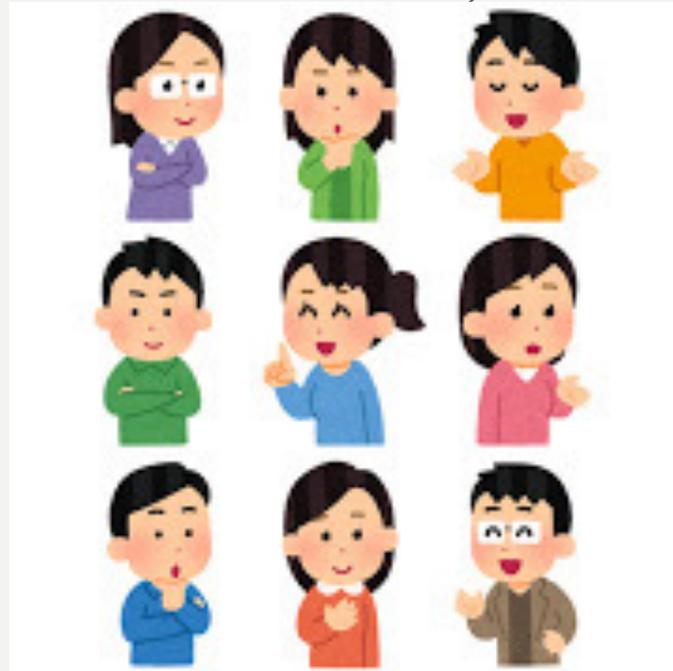
American and Australian	Japanese
Have principle found of equality →so, they are used to accept opinions	Have hierarchical cultures →so, they cannot express their views freely

(Toegal & Barsoux, 2016)

In such a case,

- people should accept as much as possible without being puzzled.

Therefore, when I have the opportunity to experience cross-cultural communication, I **should talk more**.



My Findings of Cross-Culture

- Before I learned about cross-culture in this class, I thought it means **cultures except to Japan's**, but I learned the definition of cross-culture is wide.
- **Example: Dialect**

There is a person who uses the Wakayama dialect in the senior of a part-time job.

- I felt a cultural difference when I heard these words for the first time.

WOW!



Cannot a person feel cultural difference unless he/she go abroad?

No, they are close by where I live.

→which is one of the things that changed my thoughts.

My Experience and Future

- **Experience:** when I was an elementary school student, in my class, there was a girl who was black.

She was so friendly and such a kind person.
Also, she was very fast! I envied her.

No one cared about her skin color.

- Now, anytime I see the news that discrimination is occurring due to slight differences such as skin color, I think my experience in elementary school was **not natural**.
- If the response around her was bad, there was a possibility that she would spend her school life in loneliness.



“Early childhood is the time when children first become aware of differences among people and start to form opinions and attitudes about these differences.”

(The Australian Government, 2020)

- Because I want to be an elementary school teacher in my future, I have to consider this occupation with care, especially how to treat children with diversity is a big problem.

Conclusion

- As I can tell from my experiences at elementary school, part-time job, the cultural differences are hidden in daily life, and they are countless.
- So, I must be more **comfortable** and **respectful** of others. I should not think my thoughts are always correct.
- Also, I want to know more about different cultures that will help me to understand other cultures, go foreign countries.

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DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?