

Worksheet #6:

Understanding Cultural Viewpoints (Part 1)

(Adapted from the Peace Corps publications *Culture Matters* and *Insights From the Field*. You can find the full texts of these publications at www.peacecorps.gov/wws/publications/.)

Directions: Read the description of the seven behaviors below and write down your immediate response or interpretation. (This will reflect your own cultural values, beliefs, or perceptions.) The first one offers an example of a possible answer.

1. A person comes to a meeting half an hour after the scheduled starting time.

Your response or interpretation:

(Sample response: This person is late and should at least apologize or give an explanation.)

2. Someone kicks a dog.

Your response or interpretation:

3. A woman carries a heavy jug of water on her head while her husband walks in front of her carrying nothing.

Your response or interpretation:

4. A male guest helps a female host carry dirty dishes into the kitchen.

Your response or interpretation:

5. A young man and young woman are kissing each other in public.

Your response or interpretation:

6. While taking an exam, a student copies from the paper of another student.

Your response or interpretation:

7. A guest at a dinner party belches aloud after the main course.

Your response or interpretation: