SHARING YOUR CULTURE(S) WITH STUDENTS

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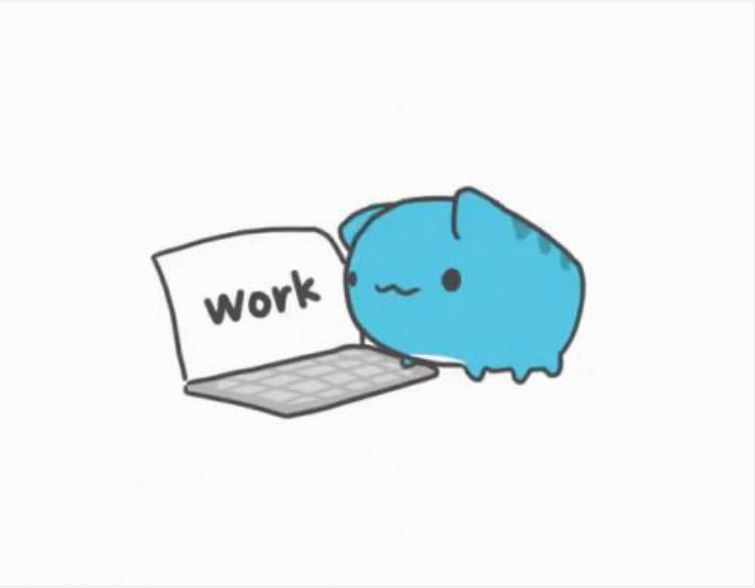
INTRODUCTION

- "Where are you from?" vs "Where are you "really" from?"
- Expectations of British-Born Chinese in NI
- Expectations of Foreigners in Japan
- Keeping Up with the Traditions
- A Clash of Cultures
- Cultural acceptance in NI
- Ideas for sharing your culture with students
- Q&A



"WHERE ARE YOU FROM?" VS "WHERE ARE YOU *REALLY* FROM?"

- "I'm from Northern Ireland (NI)."

- "I was born in Belfast, NI but my dad moved from Hong Kong to Northern Ireland where he met my mum. My mum was born in NI but my grandparents moved from Hong Kong to NI so I grew up with two cultures."

- "You will find it difficult to find employment because of your ethnic appearance."
- "You're English is very good."
- "Oh, so do you speak Chinese? Tell me something in Chinese!"
- "What does this Chinese character mean?"
- "You should date this guy. He's also Asian."
- "Why don't you know your own language?"
- "Wow! You dress like a Westerner."
- "You should change your accent when you teach."
- "You're lucky that you look Asian."
- "I want to have squinty eyes like you."
- "But aren't Irish people just potato farmers?"
- "Republic of Ireland and NI are just the same."
- "The Irish are drunks."
- "All Irish people are ginger and have no soul."
- "NI is a dangerous place."
- "You should go back to where you came from."

EXPECTATIONS OF BRITISH-BORN CHINESE IN NI

- Can speak an Asian language
- Passive and quiet
- Expert in Mathematics and Science
- Not good at sports
- Little to no social skills
- Eat dogs and cats
- All Asians look the same

HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED THIS PRESSURE OF EXPECTATIONS?

EXPECTATIONS OF FOREIGNERS IN JAPAN

- Great knowledge of English language
- Loud and rude
- Party animals
- Aggressive
- If you look Asian then you should be able to speak an Asian language.

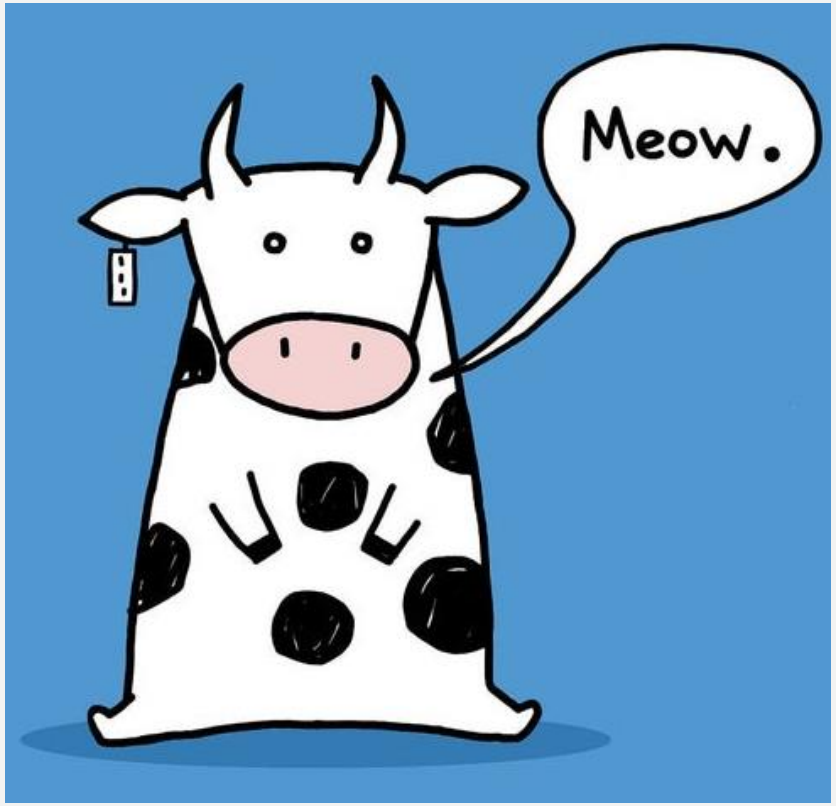
KEEPING UP WITH THE TRADITIONS

- Got the best of both worlds when it comes to food!!!
- Experiencing a variety of entertainment
- More holidays to celebrate
- Exposed to multiple languages
- Values and beliefs are different

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED CULTURE SHOCK IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY AND/OR WHILE YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN JAPAN?

A CLASH OF CULTURES

- Language barriers
- Unpleasant school life/experiences
- Ethnic self-identity crisis
- Coping with different values
- Acceptance into a community
- Suppressing the differences



WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CURRENT STATUS OF CULTURAL ACCEPTANCE IS IN NI?

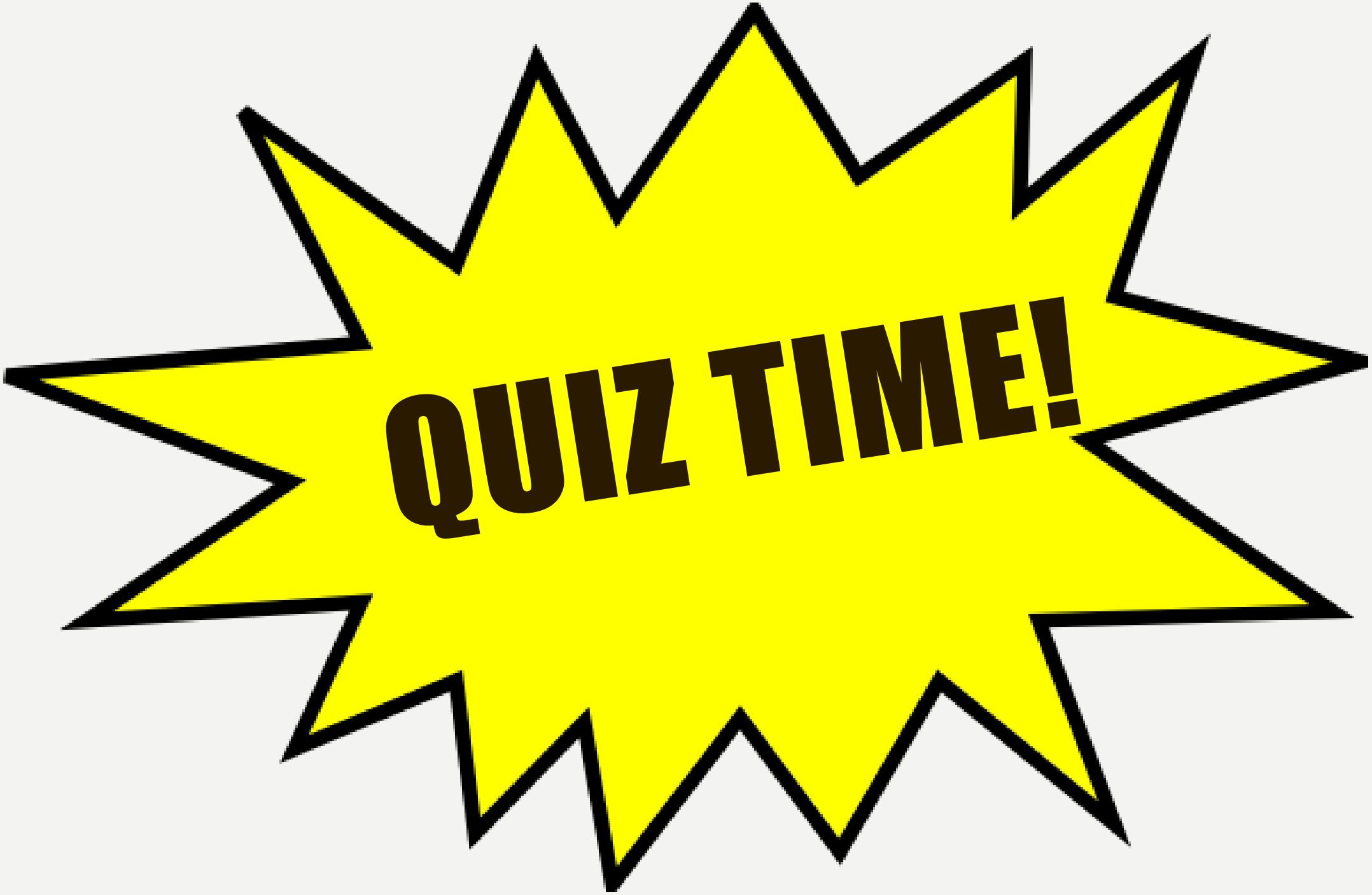
CULTURAL ACCEPTANCE IN NI

- Culture Night in Belfast
- Level of diversity is growing
- Very little violence
- Stereotypes still exist
- Countryside: very little improvement
- City: becoming more acceptable to other cultures

BRAINSTORM IDEAS ON HOW TO PRESENT YOUR CULTURAL BACKGROUND TO YOUR STUDENTS.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:

- Introduction quiz
- Q&A sessions
- Realia and photos from home
- Teach them slang and your accent
- Celebrate the holidays with them
- Share recipes
- Show them the food you eat

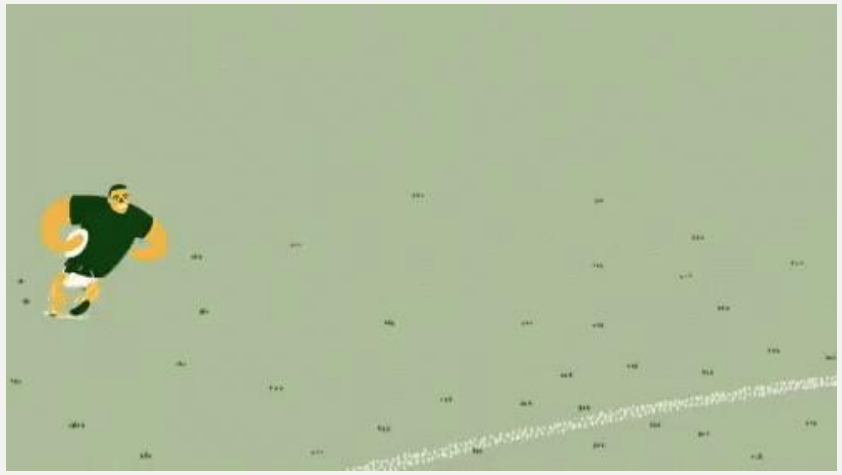

QUIZ TIME!

WHAT ARE MY FAVOURITE SPORTS?

A) Volleyball and running
B) Rugby and climbing
C) Swimming and football
D) I don’t like sports

WHAT ARE MY FAVOURITE SPORTS?

My favourite sports are rugby and climbing.



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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH STUDENTS IN CLASS AND IN ESS

SHARE RECIPES: FIFTEENS

Ingredients:

- 15 marshmallows
- 15 digestive biscuits
- 15 glaced cherries
- 375g Condensed milk
- Desiccated coconut

Instructions:

1. Cut marshmallows and cherries in half. Crush biscuits into fine crumbs.
2. Add marshmallows, cherries, biscuits and condensed milk into a bowl, and mix.
3. Roll mixture into a thick sausage shape and cover it in coconut.
4. Wrap it with cling film and put it in the fridge overnight.
5. Cut into 15 or as many pieces you like and place into bun cases.

SHOW THEM THE FOOD YOU EAT

PATIENCE

ANY
QUESTIONS?

Thanks