

> Grammar

1 Complete the sentences using the simple past. [8 points]

1. I (be) was in New York in 2004.
2. Last week, she (go) _____ to school only three days.
3. We (not / watch) _____ our favorite TV show last night.
4. Sally (not / study) _____ for the test over the weekend.
5. When Ken was in Europe, he (visit) _____ ten different countries.
6. I (speak) _____ English every day on my trip to Toronto.
7. They (not / have) _____ a good time at the party yesterday.
8. We (not / understand) _____ what they were saying.

2 Write questions in the simple past. [10 points]

1. you / write / a report / about the teachers / in our school
Did you write a report about the teachers in our school?
2. he / take / some photographs / of his classmates.
_____?
3. they / play / their guitars / at the concert
_____?
4. she / know / about / the test this morning
_____?
5. why / you / come / late for the meeting
_____?

3 Complete each sentence in the past perfect. [5 points]

1. We were late because we (forget) had forgotten about the test.
2. They were hungry because they (not have) _____ anything to eat for dinner.
3. He didn't pass the test because he (not study) _____ very hard.

4. They (meet) _____ her two weeks before at a party.
5. She was bored because she (see) _____ the TV show twice.

4 Write questions. Use the simple past and the past perfect. [16 points]

1. When / they / go / to Europe / they / be / to Italy / before
_____?
2. she / finish / dinner / when / they / call
_____?
3. they / make / a decision / before / you / arrive / at the meeting
_____?
4. the class / start / when / the teacher / tell / the students / the news
_____?

> Vocabulary

5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. [6 points]

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| <i>turban</i> | <i>cultures</i> | <i>meditation</i> |
| <i>festival</i> | <i>generation</i> | <i>identity</i> |

1. It's quite common for Sikh men to wear a turban.
2. Diwali is a very important Hindu _____.
3. It's pretty common for Buddhists to practice _____.
4. The attitudes of second _____ immigrants and their parents can be really different.
5. It can be extremely difficult for immigrants to maintain their cultural _____.
6. Indian and British _____ are rather formal.

> Communication

6 Answer the questions about yourself.
[10 points]

- a. What city are you from?

- b. Where is your family from originally?

- c. When did they first come to your country?

- d. Does anyone in your family speak another language?

- e. Do you have any relatives in other countries?

> Reading

7 Read the text. Write T for true or F for false.
[5 points]

- 1. T Italians criticize themselves before they criticize others.
- 2. Some people think Italians are too cold.
- 3. Some people find Japanese to be too formal.
- 4. Many people find Americans to be well-mannered.
- 5. According to the article, we have to learn to be more tolerant if we want world peace.

Colliding Cultures

There are few countries in the world where people do not believe that they are the best, the most intelligent, or at least the most normal. If we each consider ourselves “normal,” then it must mean that we consider everyone else to be strange! This is clearly shown in how one nation thinks about another.

For example, for some, Italians are extremely emotional because they speak loudly and use their arms a lot when talking. To others, Japanese may appear rather cold because they have a very formal culture. Then again, many people think that Americans are quite bad-mannered because they have an extremely informal culture! Italians, however, are often more likely to criticize themselves before others. That is part of their culture. But compared to other cultures, they do consider themselves to be more “normal.” How tolerant we will need to become if we are to live happily and peacefully in the world today!

Adapted from *When Cultures Collide* by Richard D. Lewis

> Writing

8 Use the information in the chart to write a short biography about the singer Juanes.
[10 points]

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| Name | Juan Esteban Aristizábal Vásquez |
| Nickname | Juanes = (Juan + Esteban) |
| Country of origin | Colombia |
| Birthdate | August 9, 1972 |
| Important events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when 2, cousin killed by kidnappers – father always wore dark glasses to hide his grief |
| Accomplishments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learned to play guitar at the age of 7 • first solo CD won 7 Latin Grammy awards • continues to be a success today |
