

## **Vocabulary**

Culture: Culture is the total sum of human expression. It's an umbrella term which encompasses the social behavior and norms found in human societies, as well as the knowledge, beliefs, arts, laws, customs, capabilities, and habits of the individuals in these groups. Cultures diffuse and change over time.

Objective Culture: The tangible aspects of culture such as art, architecture, literature, food, and holidays.

Subjective Culture: The characteristic ways of perceiving a society's social environment. It consists of values, behaviors, habits, assumptions, stereotypes, political views, philosophical and religious systems.

Cultural Identity: The identity or feeling of belonging to a group. It is part of a person's self-conception and self-perception and is related to nationality, ethnicity, religion, social class, generation, locality or any kind of social group that has its own distinct culture. In this way, cultural identity is both characteristic of the individual but also of the culturally identical group of members sharing the same cultural identity or upbringing.

Cultural Community: Nationality, Gender, Class (economic), Religion, educational background, ethnicity, family, language, professional.

Symbol/ Symbolic: A thing that represents or stands for something else, especially a material object. It is symbolic if it involves the use of symbols. Eg. In some cultures wearing yellow clothes is symbolic of Spring.

Artifact: an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.