



Cultural Diversity

GROUP B

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How the discussion went

Brainstorming: **134** words regarding cultural diversity

→ Narrowed down to 2 topics

Mentality

Ways of thinking

(which are synonymous to a certain extent)

→ These are basic points of understanding culture

Mentality

Japanese said Russians are cold-hearted.

- Russian students got the point, but disagreed. It is misinterpretation of “Russian mysterious soul”, they said.

Russians said Japanese are polite.

- Japanese students answered that not everyone is polite.

We understood that those were stereotypes that can hamper cultural diversity.

There is a cultural diversity within nation...

Why?

- Ethnic differences
 - Eg) Russia: “Russian” vs. Armenians, Ossetians
- Regional differences
 - Eg) Japan: Tokyo vs. Nagoya
- Personal

Conclusion

- Stereotypes can be barrier of understanding each other therefore we shouldn't refer to stereotypes when we communicate.

↓ solutions of the problem

- Know that diversity exists (Theoretical)
- Face-to-face communication (Practical)
 - Exchange of culture
 - Events (sports, arts)