

Unit 3 Europe

Listen and fill in the Fact Box. Then, before each chapter in this unit, read the cultural tendencies and discuss Japan's cultural tendency in this regard, as well as your own habits.

Fact Box	
population: 10 million or 20 million?	life expectancy: more or less than 79?
population density: over or under 200/km ² ?	no. of countries: more or fewer than 75?
smallest country: Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, or the Vatican?	

Cultural tendencies are stereotypes. Of course, each individual is different. Many don't conform to cultural or national stereotypes.

British tend to...	Japan	you	comment
take afternoon breaks for tea & a snack.			
use humor for relieving tension.			
socialize regularly at a local pub.			
remain unemotional in tough situations.			
apologize even if it's not their fault.			
greet by handshake, hug, kiss, or nod.			
understate rather than exaggerate.			
write letters formally starting "Dear..."			

Finns tend to...	Japan	you	comment
love sauna.			
speak slowly and clearly.			
be uninterested in small talk.			
think carefully before speaking.			
act coolly towards strangers.			
maintain equality between the sexes.			
celebrate Easter, the Christian holiday.			

French tend to...	Japan	you	comment
be passionate.			
be pessimistic.			
dress stylishly.			
accept that powerful men have affairs.			
not highly value cleanliness.			
enjoy long, leisurely meals with family.			
value groups more than individuals.			
value leisure more than work.			