

Unit 2 Asia

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

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| continent: _____ | number of countries: 48 or 88? |
| population: <u>over</u> or <u>under</u> 6,000,000? | life expectancy: 73, 76, 79? |
| population density: <u>over</u> or <u>under</u> 200/km ² | highest mountain: _____ |

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

| Indians tend to... | Japan | you | comment |
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| be religious. | | | |
| live with extended family members. | | | |
| remove shoes before entering temples. | | | |
| enjoy their country's movies (Bollywood). | | | |
| trust traditional medicine (Ayurvedic). | | | |
| like spicy food like curry. | | | |
| accept arranged marriages. | | | |
| eat with right hand rather than utensils. | | | |

| Chinese tend to... | Japan | you | comment |
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| worship (pray to) ancestors. | | | |
| celebrate Lunar New Year. | | | |
| treat junior people when eating out. | | | |
| fulfill family obligations. | | | |
| translate foreign words rather than use borrowed words. | | | |
| share plates at a restaurant. | | | |
| not follow rules so much. | | | |

| Japanese tend to... | Japan | you | comment |
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| speak indirectly. | | | |
| wear masks. | | | |
| attend cram school. | | | |
| bow to greet and show respect. | | | |
| follow rules for giving gifts. | | | |
| pour alcohol for friends in bars. | | | |
| receive a business card with two hands. | | | |
| wear special slippers in toilets. | | | |
| make slurping noises eating noodles. | | | |