

Test your intercultural competence by answering **true or false** to each of the following statements.

	True	False
1. A "thumbs up" in some Islamic countries is a rude sexual sign.	_____	_____
2. Forming an "O" with the thumb and the forefinger in Japan means that we can now discuss money.	_____	_____
3. Scandinavians are more tolerant to silent breaks in conversations.	_____	_____
4. Laughter in Japan can be a sign of confusion, insecurity or embarrassment.	_____	_____
5. In the UK, to compromise is seen as a positive sign of both parties winning.	_____	_____
6. Wearing gloves in Russia when shaking hands is considered polite.	_____	_____
7. Leaving right after dinner in Central America is considered well-mannered as it means you've been well fed.	_____	_____
8. In Sub-Saharan Africa it is normal to arrive half an hour late for dinner.	_____	_____
9. If you tell your female friend from Africa that she's put on weight during her holiday, it means she's had a good holiday and is physically healthier than when she left.	_____	_____
10. In Brazil, flicking your fingers under your chin is a sign of disgust.	_____	_____
11. If you want to show your respect for an elder in Africa, do not look them directly in the eye.	_____	_____
12. Keeping your hands in your pockets while negotiating in Russia is rude.	_____	_____
13. It is seen as polite to not accept an offer of food or drink in Persia immediately on being offered it, instead you should refuse a few times before accepting the gift.	_____	_____
14. In France, dinner is commonly served at 5 pm.	_____	_____
15. In Brazil, purple flowers are a symbol of friendship.	_____	_____
16. In Mediterranean cultures, being boisterous in the streets and public places is widely accepted.	_____	_____
17. In Australia, a single male passenger should sit in the back seat.	_____	_____

ANSWERS:

1-5: True

6: False – you need to remove your gloves when shaking hands in Russia

7-9: True

10: False – this means you don't know the answer to a question in Brazil

11-13: True

14: False – in France, it is common to eat dinner at 7 pm or later and it tends to be a light dinner.

15: False – Purple flowers in Brazil are often seen at funerals. Avoid giving a host purple flowers.

16: True

17: False - A single male passenger should sit in the front seat in Australia.

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