

A final category that sociologists group cultures by is language. The same language may be spoken in two different regions of the world but the cultures may be very different. The language is what connects the people. So if you are from Spain and you want _____ (speak) to someone from Mexico, you will be able to communicate well because you both speak Spanish. If you decide _____ (talk) with someone in Mexico, you may face some challenges



with vocabulary because of regional differences. So I recommend _____ (learn) about the kind of Spanish spoken in Mexico and the differences in vocabulary. Educating yourself about such regional differences will help you begin _____ (understand) that people can be similar and dissimilar at the same time.

In conclusion, it is important to learn about other cultures so that when you meet people different from yourself you will understand them better. Some people hate _____ (learn) about cultures different from their own and others love _____ (learn) about different cultures. I hope you will decide _____ (open) your mind and choose _____ (take) every opportunity you have _____ (collect) information about other cultures.

Questions

1. What do sociologists enjoy?
2. What are three ways we can categorize cultures?

a.

b.

c.

3. Why is traditional clothing important?

4. What do you think “negative stereotyping” means?

5. Even though people from Spain and Mexico speak the same language, they may still have communication problems. Why?

6. Why is it important to study other cultures?

