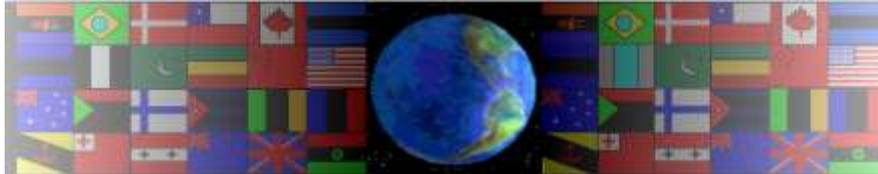


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People around the world, have very different lives and ways of living. People have different belief systems (sometimes called religions, sometimes political beliefs) and usually live their lives according to what they believe to be right and wrong. They often follow the rules of their countries main religion / culture or its political system.

There are countries that have very strict ways of living. For example, in Saudi Arabia, alcohol is banned and the consumption of alcohol is not permitted. There are countries where it is looked upon as wrong and even a crime, for a man and a woman to hold hands in public.

In our country (UK) and in most Western countries, alcohol is legal and we have a lot of freedom to express ourselves in public, within the limits of the Law.

Usually countries decide what is acceptable behaviour, through their religions or political beliefs.

We should never pass judgement on the way other people live their lives. We should respect other cultures and belief systems.

1. Name five religions / belief systems from around the world. List a country in which each of the religions / belief systems you have mentioned is followed.

RELIGION / BELIEF SYSTEM

COUNTRY

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

2. Why is it important that we respect each other and people from other cultures? The key phrases below may help you answer this question.

We may be from different cultures but we are all of equal value.

All cultures have a similar basic understanding about what is right and wrong.

Some cultures have taken thousands of years to develop their understanding about the way people should live.

Many cultures place working as a community, not individuals, as being very important.

3. Do you think that you would benefit by living by the strict rules imposed by some religions? Explain your answer. Give examples of rules as part of your answer

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4. Using the internet as a research tool, collect symbols of different religions / belief systems and paste them in the space below. Write next to each symbol the name of the religion / belief system.