

ISSUE

It's interesting to know the various different manners and no-no's between different cultures. For example. Why are chopsticks metal in Korea, often plastic at Chinese restaurants in America and generally wood everywhere else? In Japan it is normal to lift your plate or bowl to your mouth, in America we generally do not pick up plates or bowls. In Japan, passing a piece of food from your chopsticks to some else's chopsticks is a no-no. Chinese people pass/take **stuff** all the time from/to other people's chopsticks. In Japan you do not walk and eat or drink. In my country, walking while eating is very normal. I'm **curious** where that rule **originates**. I think it's pretty scary to visit and stay in other countries huh?



Vocabulary



Manners



Curious

Express Yourself

1. "Cultural differences cause problems. It is better for people to stay in their own countries rather than to migrate to other ones." Do you agree?
2. Would you prefer to live in a monoculture or a multi-racial society? Why?
3. Is it better to marry someone of the same cultural background?
4. How does American cultures differ from the culture of your own country?
5. Cultural discrimination is a common problem to Asians. What could be the reason behind? Can this possibly be eliminated? How?

