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What do u mean by culture ?

- It is considered that a group of people's shared beliefs, customs, traditions, arts, language, and social behaviours constitute their culture.

Culture has an impact on how individuals think, speak, and engage both inside and outside of their communities.

WHAT IS
CULTURE?

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The
invisible
causes



The
visible
signs

Key elements of culture

- ▶ Language - Language has a crucial role in culture since it makes communication and knowledge exchange easier.
- ▶ Values and beliefs - Shared values, beliefs, and norms that influence how people think and behave are all part of culture.
- ▶ Customs and traditions - They uphold their culture across the years and encourage humanity
- ▶ Arts and expression - Music, dancing, storytelling, art, and folklore are all ways that culture is expressed.
- ▶ Social organisation - Culture has an impact on how people coexist and structure their society.

Difference between China vs UK communication styles

Power distance :

The UK has low power distance, encourages equality and open communication, whereas China welcomes hierarchical structures and respects authority and status.



Individualism:

The UK is highly individualistic, promoting personal freedom and responsibility, whereas China is collectivist, focusing on group harmony and loyalty.

Long-term orientation:

The UK is short-term oriented, focusing on quick results and tradition.

China is long-term focused on valuing planning and adaptability.



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Uncertainty avoidance

The UK is more casual and adaptable, whereas China adapts through strong social norms rather than rules

Masculinity and femininity

- ▶ Both UK and China cultures are moderately masculine, valuing achievement and competition, though China may link success more to social status



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Key cultural challenges in uk- china negotiations

- ▶ China employs indirect, subtle communication to maintain peace, whereas the UK prefers direct, unambiguous communication.
- ▶ Comparatively speaking, Chinese negotiators are less focused on individual aims than their UK counterparts.
- ▶ In the UK, decisions are made quickly and independently than in China, where they typically require numerous internal permissions that slow down the process.

China values building long-term relationships and patience, whereas the UK demands quick fixes



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Stratergies for successful negotiations



- ▶ **Prepare thoroughly** - recognise your goals, the needs of the other party, and the best solution outside of a negotiated deal
- ▶
- ▶ **Build a relationship-** to create an open atmosphere, build trust by being welcoming right away and showing real interest
- ▶ **Listen actively-** ask open-ended questions and let the other party talk to uncover valuable insights

Aim for win-win solutions. - Focus on mutual gains rather than competing over fixed outcomes

- ▶ **Stay calm and patient-** manage your emotions, use the silence to your advantage, and convey self-confidence



Importance of cultural awareness and adaptability

Facilitates Communication

- ▶ You are aware of the interactions and behaviours of people from other cultures.

Encourages Positive Relationships

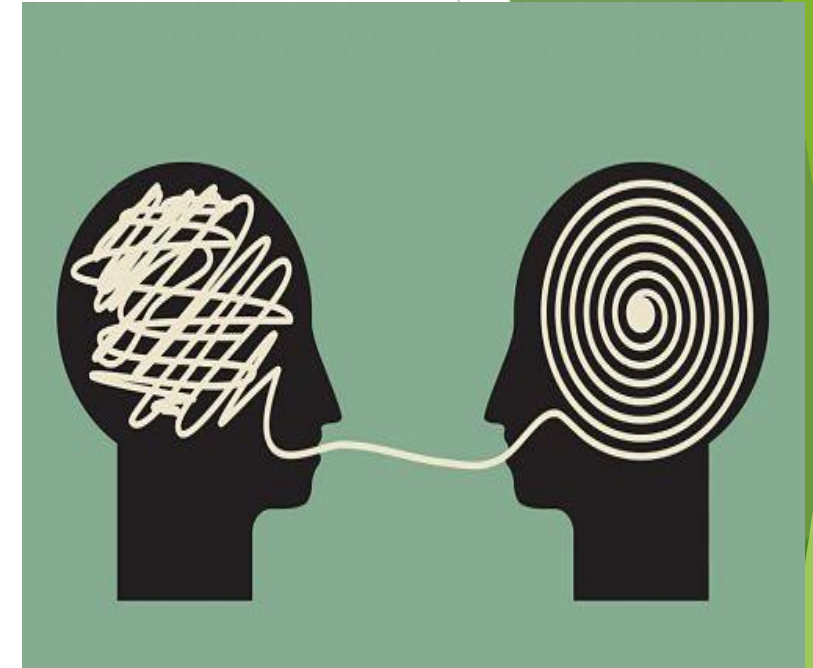
- ▶ When you are aware of their culture, people feel valued.

Makes Negotiations Easier

- ▶ When you understand what the other side values, you can provide better answers.

Avoids Conflicts and Misconceptions

- ▶ Nobody will be offended by something you unintentionally say or do.



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Conclusion

- ▶ Chinese culture is the path to successful negotiations. Trust must be established, respect must be given, and you must be able to work with various communication styles. Applying cultural models such as Hofstede's prepares us. Being patient and culturally sensitive, we can form solid, long-term alliances that are advantageous to both the UK and Chinese companies.





QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

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