

Working Abroad

Living and working abroad would be really easy if everyone spoke the same way and behaved in the same way. But, as soon as you leave your own culture it quickly becomes clear that things are not the same. There are small and large differences between cultures. And how well you are able to deal with these differences will affect how good your experience will be working overseas.

Vocabulary:

first impressions – the original feeling or thoughts you have about something

foreign culture – a culture that is different to your own

gap year – a year that some young people take after school and before university

comfort zone - a situation where one feels safe or at ease.

misunderstanding - a failure to understand something correctly

stereotype - a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing

custom - a traditional and widely accepted way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time

shoot off - to leave a place quickly or suddenly

Instructions: Please watch the video twice.

URL link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEkKTY5h508>

Comprehension:

1. What do you think the speaker meant when he talked about one's career 'shooting off'?
2. The speaker talked about a "geographic comfort zone". Do you believe you are in a geographic comfort zone?
3. Do you agree with the speaker that the best way to compete and succeed in today's economy is to move to other countries?

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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