

KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOST COUNTRY AND CULTURE

- score at least 8 out of 10 on a factual quiz about the host country, with questions such as:
 - who is the head of government
 - what are the main political forces
 - who are the national heroes, such as politicians, writers, athletes
 - what are the main religions and beliefs, and how do they influence behaviour
 - what are the main industries and exports
 - what are the main ethnic groups and languages and the state of relations between them
 - what are key events in the country's history
- give examples of the diversity of the host culture, for example:
 - sub-cultures within the country
 - ethnic and religious sub-cultures
 - social classes
 - regional interests
- empathize with the host culture (i.e. have a feel for things), by:
 - being able to identify local artists, authors, and musicians and explain how they emerge from and, in turn, express the local culture
 - demonstrating that they are capable of seeing the world as the locals see it as a result of their history, religion, and social system (e.g. by describing the locals' logic/rationale for doing something)

