



Students' handout

Whole-class discussion for Unit 3

During a class discussion, sometimes your instructor might ask you a question, but you don't know what to say. Or perhaps you want to answer it, but you need some time to think about how to respond. We will practice a technique that you can use if you are not sure what to say, or if you are not sure how to explain what you think. Instead of making your classmates wait a long time while you try to think of an answer, you can redirect the question to one of your classmates.

- **Expressions for redirecting a question to a classmate when you don't know what to say**

- That's a good question. I'd like to think about it first. Perhaps (a classmate's name) could answer it.
- I'm not sure, but (classmate's name), what do you think?
- I have no idea. How about you, (classmate's name)?

Exercises: Redirecting a question to a classmate when you don't know what to say

Exercise 1: General-Topic Questions

Your teacher will ask you some general-topic questions. *However, do not try to answer.* Use one of the expressions for “**Redirecting a question to a classmate when you don't know what to say**” (in the box above), and ask one of your classmates to answer it. Your classmate will answer the question.

Exercise 2: Discussion about Unit 3

Your teacher will ask you some questions about Unit 3 in *Cultural Differences*. *However, do not try to answer.* Use one of the expressions in the box above, and ask one of your classmates to answer it. Your classmate will answer the question.



Teacher's script for Chapter 3

Exercises: Redirecting to a classmate

Exercise 1: General-Topic Questions

I will ask you some general-topic questions. However, do not try to answer. Use one of the expressions in the box above, and ask one of your classmates to answer it. Your classmate will answer the question.

1. *What will you probably eat for dinner tonight?*
2. *Where is a good place to take a vacation in your country?*
3. *Who did you talk to on the phone, or send a text message to, most recently?*
4. *What type of job would you like to have in the future?*

Exercise 2: Discussion about Unit 3

I will ask you some questions. However, do not try to answer. Use one of the expressions in the box (above), and ask one of your classmates to answer it. Your classmate will answer the question.

1. *Do people in your country tend to stay in their hometowns most of their lives, or do many of them move away? Has your family stayed in the same hometown?*
2. ¶ 2 talks about being excluded from a group and conforming to a group. Let's say that your in-group members decided to take a trip together, but you really didn't want to go. However, if you don't go, your in-group might exclude you in the future. Which would be worse for you: to be excluded from the group, or to be forced to conform to the group and go on the trip?
3. In ¶ 2, there is an example of the woman and the coat. Do you feel pressure in your country to wear certain clothes as this woman did?
4. In your hometown, are there a lot of jobs to choose from, or are people mainly farmers?
5. Who are the members of your most important in-group?
6. In ¶ 4, the tenth sentence says, "An in-group is a group of people whose norms, goals and values shape the behavior of its members." Give me an example of how your in-group has shaped you.
7. Would you ask your in-group members questions like "How much money do you make?" or "What kind of sex life do you have?"
8. In your culture, are students expected to join many groups or just one? In high school, did you join any clubs?
9. In ¶ 10, it mentions calling a friend at 2:00 a.m. Would you think that it is strange to call a friend at 2:00 a.m. to talk about a problem?
10. Does your culture use teknonyms? If so, can you give me an example?

11. In ¶ 13, the Greek secretary sounded rude on the phone because she thought the call was a member of her out-group. Are people in your culture more polite to members of their in-group or to members of their out-group?
12. Do you agree with Dr. Chao that Dr. Douglas should have repaid the favor and hired Ms. Wang?