Module Home



**Outline­**

**Cultural and Linguistic Differences**:

What Teachers Should Know

* Module Description: This module examines the ways in which culture influences the daily interactions that occur across all classrooms and provides practice for enhancing culturally responsive teaching (est. completion time: 1 hour).

Challenge

* Video: It’s three months into the new school year, and Mr. Bennett...

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Initial Thoughts

* What influence does culture have on a student’s school success?
* How does linguistic diversity influence classroom performance?
* What impact do culture and language have on a family’s involvement in school and on their child’s education?

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Perspectives & Resources

* Module Objectives
* Understand how a teacher’s own culture can influence his or her teaching
* Describe what it means to provide culturally responsive instruction
* Recognize how linguistic diversity may influence school outcomes for students
* Understand the importance of family involvement in school

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* Page 1: Culture
* For some people, the word “culture” evokes thoughts of special…
* A variety of experiences or circumstances can influence… [bullet points]
* For Your Information
* Audio: Clint McDougal talks about the importance of recognizing…
* Audio: Clint McDougal stresses that teachers should be aware…

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* Page 2: Cultural Responsiveness
* Cultural competence refers to an ability to learn from and respectfully…
* To become culturally responsive, teachers should… [bullet points]
* Research Shows
* Teacher Reflection
  + Activity
    - Link: Click to begin the journey [drop-down menu]
* Learning About Other Cultures
  + Disabilities may be viewed in a variety of ways… [bullet points]
  + Research Shows
* Cultural Connection

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* Page 3: Culturally Responsive Instruction
* The practice of ongoing personal reflection and learning about…
* In many instances, administrators, teachers, and other… [bullet points]
* Audio: Listen to Alfredo Artiles talk about the importance of…
* Teachers can do this by… [bullet points]
  + Link: multicultural education [definition]
* For Your Information
* When schools value and welcome cultural and… [bullet points]
* Cultural Connection

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* Page 4: Communication
* Another important factor that culturally responsive teachers keep…
* By contrast, culturally responsive teachers understand… [bullet points]
  + Link: dramatic presentation [definition]
  + Link: conversational and active participatory discourse [definition]
  + Link: gestures and body movement [definition]
  + Link: rapidly paced rhythmic speech [definition]
  + Link: metaphorical imagery [definition]
* Audio: Listen to Alfredo Artiles talk about the importance of…
* Keep in Mind
* Cultural Connection
  + In order to be more culturally responsive… [bullet points]
  + Activity
    - Audio: Donna Ford on whether cultural values and beliefs…
    - Audio: Donna Ford on engaging in conversation with a…
    - Audio: Donna Ford on narrative styles based on culture.

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* Page 5: Language Acquisition
* In the United States today, a significant number or students speak…
* Link: English as a second language [definition]
* For Your Information
* Stages of Second Language Acquisition [table]
* This lack of knowledge about social and academic… [bullet points]
* Audio: Listen now as Clint McDougal talks about Maria and her…
* Cultural Connection

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* Page 6: Linguistic Supports
* Culturally responsive teachers create a classroom environment…
  + Manipulatives
  + Word Walls
  + Real Objects, Pictures, or Graphics
  + Cooperative Learning
  + Building on Background Knowledge
  + Reading Aloud Interactively
  + Labels
  + Technology
* Cultural Connection

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* Page 7: Promoting Family Involvement
* Research demonstrates that when families participate…
* Challenge/Possible School Solutions [table]
* Audio: Listen as Clint McDougal contrasts what…
* Audio: Listen as Luz Hernandez shares her advice…
* Community Involvement
  + To strengthen programs and policies… [bullet points]
  + Link: Family Engagement: Collaborating with Families of Students with Disabilities [IRIS Module]
  + Activity
  + Cultural Connection

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* Page 8: References & Additional Resources
* Suggested module citation
* References
* Additional Resources
* Page 9: Credits
* Module Developer
* Media Production Team
* Media

Wrap Up

* Summary of the module
* Audio: Donna Ford summarizes why it is important for teachers to…
* Revisit your Initial Thoughts responses

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Assessment

* Take some time now to answer the following questions.

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