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EXTRA ACTIVITIES 7th grade (17 a 28/08)

MEET MY CULTURE 2

1- Read the text. After, responda (answer) the questions no seu caderno.

[...] You Will Develop Cultural Sensitivity (Você Desenvolverá Sensibilidade Cultural)

Being culturally sensitive is key in our globalizing world. It is not enough (suficiente) to say "people from X country are like this". It is important to look for underlying values that may explain a certain behavior (comportamento) in order to practice cultural sensitivity. A good example is when I was in Spain (especially in the south), where **they** take a 2-3 hour siesta and lunch in the middle of their work day.

Many people view this cultural norm as the people just being lazy when it really has a lot more to do with the fact that historically Spaniards value family face time. Eating together as a family is more important to **them** than maximizing work time by scarfing(devorando) a sandwich down at their desks.

Being aware of cultural values and norms is not only fascinating, but can help **us** understand international issues and conflicts [...]. It is an important skill to be able to shift(mudar) perspectives and see where someone else is coming from.

Cultural sensitivity will help you with your communication on both business and personal levels.

- a) Who does the word **they** refer to in the first paragraph?
- I Culturally sensitive people.
- II People from X country.
- III People from the south of Spain.
- b) Who does the word them refer to in the second paragraph?
- I Many people. III People who are lazy.

- II Spaniards.
- c) Based on the context of the article, who does the word **us** in the third paragraph refer to?
- I You, the reader. II We, people in general.
- III We, the authors who write for this website.
- 2- Você concorda com a mensagem do título? Por quê? Explique.
- 3- Marque no texto da atividade 1: a) as palavras cognatas (aquelas com grafia semelhante e mesmo significado das palavras que falamos, escrevemos na língua nativa Português); b) aquelas que você já conhecia; c) as que você não sabe o significado, mas precisa procurar no dicionário ou na Internet para aprendê-las. Escreva no seu caderno.

Obs.: As respostas às questões podem ser realizadas em Português, mas no seu caderno.