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Premier Skills focuses on developing community coaches and referees and on supporting community projects. The programme has also created a range of materials, including a dedicated website, using football-based content for teachers and learners of English.
ACTIVITY MAP 2007-14
1. Egypt
2. India
3. Uganda
4. Botswana
5. Cameroon
6. China
7. Kenya
8. Malawi
9. Malaysia
10. Morocco
11. Senegal
12. Korea
13. Sudan
14. Tunisia
15. Vietnam
16. Ethiopia
17. Brazil
18. Indonesia
19. Mexico
20. Nigeria
21. Afghanistan
22. Qatar
23. South Africa
24. USA
25. Zambia
26. Sri Lanka
27. Sierra Leone
28. Burma
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Teacher Trainer
Aims of this workshop

- To understand the role of culture in English language teaching
- To look at practical approaches of incorporating that role into classroom activities
- To consider how content from the Premier Skills English website can support these approaches
What is culture?
What is culture?

- values
- knowledge
- behaviour
- skills

Barry Tomalin: https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/culture-fifth-language-skill
What cultures are you part of?

What does all this mean for English teachers?
Certain characteristics and behaviours in the classroom can help teachers:

- Intercultural skills
- Comfortable about who you are
- Reflective and aware
Ask three questions:

- Whose culture(s) do you belong to?
- Whose culture(s) do your learners belong to?
- Which people's culture(s) do they need to communicate with?
Whose culture?
And whose language?
What does all this mean for the learners?
These are important for learners:

- Intercultural competence
- Sensitivity to differences
Whose language?
What to do in the classroom?
Culture in ELT materials

Food  Music
Travel  Manners
Free time  Sport
Etc!
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