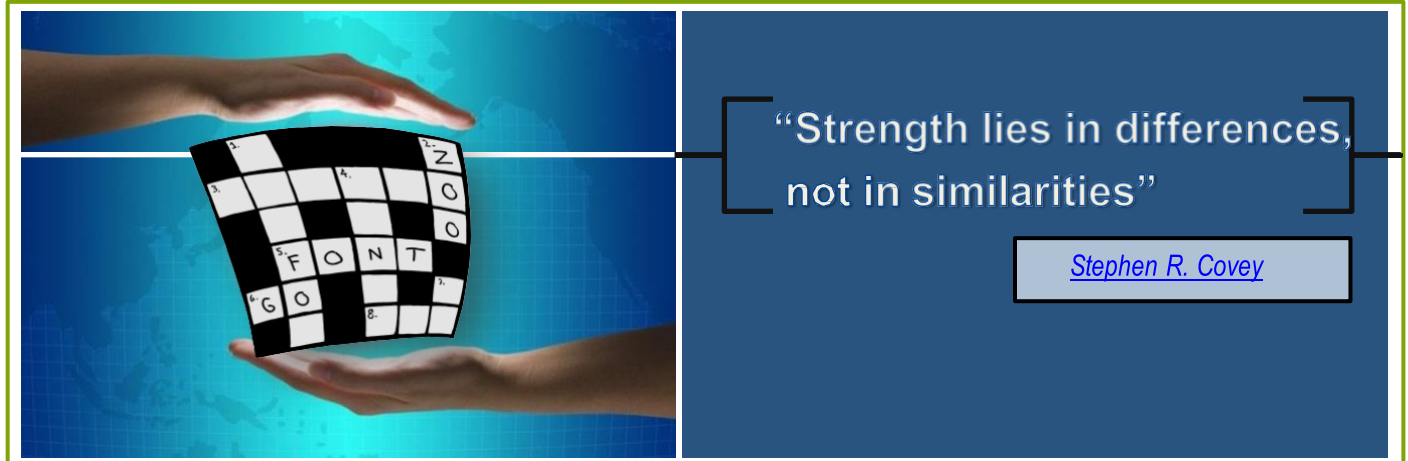


## Introduction:

This lesson is meant to stimulate your attitude of intercultural curiosity. You will create a crossword puzzle based on prompts that highlight certain aspects of culture, such as religious beliefs, food preferences, and nonverbal communication gestures. Then, you will choose a partner and try to solve each other's puzzles.



## Activity Instructions:

- After the facilitator has explained the activity, create a crossword puzzle based on the prompts below. Once you have finished, exchange crossword puzzles with a partner and try to solve the puzzle. Seek to understand how and why your partner created the puzzle using the clues and answers they did.
  - religious beliefs and the relationship of humans to the supernatural
  - political power and the exercise of leadership in governance
  - concepts of justice, fairness, punishment, and right conduct
  - child raising and traditional processes of acculturation
  - economic organization and division of labor
  - rites of passage (life cycle celebrations), rituals, and ceremonies
  - expression and style in the graphic and performing arts
  - food preferences and rules concerning consumption
  - nonverbal communication patterns and gestures
  - concepts of humans' place and role in the natural world
  - myths and cultural heroes to explain and commemorate core values
  - dissemination of ideas about beauty, love, truth, friendship, and loyalty
  - notions of modesty and age-appropriate dress styles and behavior
  - ideas of what time is and its relative importance
  - concerns about individual versus collective privilege and responsibility
  - conceptions about personal space and privacy
  - definitions of gender and associated strengths, duties, and roles

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