

PRE-GRENADA PACKET

QUIZ BOOKLET



DON'T FREAK OUT!!



This is meant to be fun and informative...

OUR GOAL is to better understand where you're coming from... you personally as well as your group... so we can plan and organize your trip to Grenada the best we can.

These "quizzes" are actually self-assessments!

That means:

- ✓ There are no wrong answers!
- ✓ You cannot fail!
- ✓ Everybody wins!

Actually... the only wrong answers are the untruthful ones.
Sometimes people lie on these quizzes because they want to look good (for whatever reason).
Unfortunately for these people, the only person they hurt is themselves!

In preparation for your trip we're going to have a workshop on cultural differences between the U.S. and Grenada. It's a fascinating conversation and many teams have lots of fun with it... but the purpose of the workshop is to prepare and equip you to have a good and effective mission trip. And in turn, the purpose of this booklet is to start a foundation for those conversations.

**THESE 15 STATEMENTS ARE COMMENTS
FREQUENTLY MADE BY PEOPLE IN REGARD TO
WHAT THEY KNOW (OR DON'T KNOW) ABOUT OTHER CULTURES.**

*Please respond to each statement by marking a number
representing your response using the following choices:*

Definitely No = 1 | Not Sure = 2 | Likely, But Not Definite = 4 | Definitely Yes = 5

- _____ 1. I can name the (political/governmental) leaders of four other countries.
- _____ 2. I can name the United States' top three trading partners.
- _____ 3. I can name the currencies in four other countries.
- _____ 4. I know the appropriate distance at which to stand when interacting with people in at least two other cultures.
- _____ 5. I know the appropriate touch rules in at least two other cultures.
- _____ 6. I know in what countries I can use first names when conducting business.
- _____ 7. I can accurately list three countries whose cultures prioritize interdependence over independence.
- _____ 8. I understand and can practice appropriate gift giving in three other countries.
- _____ 9. I can identify some gestures appropriate in the U.S.A. that are considered obscene in other countries.
- _____ 10. I understand gender-role differences in at least two other countries.
- _____ 11. I can name three countries where their view of time and scheduling are much different than the USA.
- _____ 12. I understand the proper protocol for exchanging business cards in at least two other countries.
- _____ 13. I understand how the business philosophies of Germany and Spain are different from each other.
- _____ 14. I can accurately identify three countries that expect and accept that power is distributed unequally.
- _____ 15. I can conduct business in a language other than my own.

THESE 9 SCENARIOS ARE POSSIBLE INTERACTIONS THAT WE MIGHT FACE WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

*Please indicate how you'd feel by marking the number representing your response:
(You may put more than one number for each scenario)*

1- Offended/Frustrated | **2- Uncomfortable /Defensive** | **3- Out of Place/Awkward**
4- Not Sure But Not Good | **5- Loved/Honored**

_____ You take your young kids [or kids you're babysitting] to the beach. As you're lounging on the beach watching the kids play in the water together, four adult strangers swim up to the kids and start to play with them.

_____ You're the clerk of a gas station. A German couple comes in to pay for gas but they only know broken English. They don't understand how much they need to pay, but because *they* have trouble with the language they are getting frustrated at you.

_____ At work, you and your co-workers get along and work really well together. A 'new guy' gets hired and immediately starts to push his way of doing things as the "right way" and isn't interested in hearing feedback or alternatives.

_____ At church, you walk into the sanctuary and see a stranger holding your child [or younger sibling] on their lap.

_____ You've been asked by a co-worker to join them and their friends for lunch. While eating, one person complains about how one of their four cars broke down and they don't know what to do. Another grumbles about how they can't find enough first-class tickets for their monthly trip to Paris. Another person whines about how hard it is to be a millionaire in today's world.

_____ You invite a co-worker to have dinner with you and your close friends. Over dinner your co-worker makes everyone feel awkward by asking them very personal questions and then dominates the conversation by lecturing each person on how they should live their lives.

_____ You're hanging out with a group of new friends. One guy, a very fast talker, quickly asks you a question. When you ask him to repeat the question, he responds by saying what he had said really slow and loud (as if he was mentally handicapped). Because of this, everyone in the room is now looking at you.

_____ Your rich boss invites you to their home. As you're being given "the tour" of the mansion you remark on how beautiful and elegant all the furniture and decorations are. Your boss scoffs and says they're about to redecorate and throw all the furniture away.

_____ You meet an elderly couple from church who are from Asia and had an 'arranged marriage' (meaning that their parents decided who they married). During the conversation they give you the advice that love, emotion and attraction have nothing to do with marriage and that the best thing to do is to have your parents arrange who you will spend the rest of your life with. They also tell you that to do it any other way would be bad and disobedient.

**THESE 14 STATEMENTS ARE FREQUENTLY MADE BY PEOPLE
IN REGARD TO COMMUNICATION
WITH PEOPLE FROM OTHER CULTURES.**

Please indicate how much you agree with these statements by marking a number representing your response to each statement using the following choices:

Strongly Disagree = 1 | Disagree = 2 | Neutral = 3 | Agree = 4 | Strongly Agree = 5

- _____ 1. Generally, I am comfortable interacting with a group of people from different countries.
- _____ 2. I am tense and nervous while interacting with people from different countries.
- _____ 3. I like to get involved in group discussion with others who are from different countries.
- _____ 4. Engaging in a group discussion with people from different countries makes me nervous.
- _____ 5. I am calm and relaxed with interacting with a group of people who are from different countries.
- _____ 6. While participating in a conversation with a person from a different country, I get nervous.
- _____ 7. I have no fear of speaking up in a conversation with a person from a different country.
- _____ 8. Ordinarily I am very tense and nervous in a conversation with a person from a different country.
- _____ 9. Ordinarily I am very calm and relaxed in conversations with a person from a different country.
- _____ 10. While conversing with a person from a different country, I feel very relaxed.
- _____ 11. I am afraid to speak up in conversations with a person from a different country.
- _____ 12. I face the prospect of interacting with people from different countries with confidence.
- _____ 13. My thoughts become confused and jumbled when interacting with people from different countries.
- _____ 14. Communicating with people from different countries makes me feel uncomfortable.

Please indicate how much you agree with these statements also...

- ❖ _____ I interact with people from different countries on a regular basis
- ❖ _____ I have close friends and/or family from different countries.
- ❖ _____ I like to get involved in group discussions with people who, I know, will probably misunderstand what I'm saying.
- ❖ _____ I have no fear of speaking up in a conversation with someone who will probably misunderstand me.
- ❖ _____ I am calm and relaxed when interacting with a group of people who will probably misunderstand what I'm trying to say.

**THESE 22 STATEMENTS CONCERN YOUR FEELINGS
ABOUT YOUR CULTURE AND OTHER CULTURES.**

Please indicate how much you agree with these statements by marking a number representing your response to each statement using the following choices:

Strongly Disagree = 1 | Disagree = 2 | Neutral = 3 | Agree = 4 | Strongly Agree = 5

- _____ 1. Most countries are backward compared to mine.
- _____ 2. My country should be the role model for others.
- _____ 3. People from other countries act strange when they come into my country.
- _____ 4. Lifestyles in other countries are just as effective as those in mine.
- _____ 5. Other countries should try to be more like mine.
- _____ 6. I'm not interested in the values and customs of other countries.
- _____ 7. People in my country could learn a lot by people from other places.
- _____ 8. Most people from other countries just don't know what's good for them.
- _____ 9. I respect the values and customs of other countries.
- _____ 10. Other countries are smart to look up to our country.
- _____ 11. Most people would be happier if they lived like people in my country.
- _____ 12. I have many friends from other cultures.
- _____ 13. People in my country have just about the best lifestyles of anywhere.
- _____ 14. Lifestyles in other countries are not as effective as those in mine.
- _____ 15. I'm very interested in the values and customs of other countries.
- _____ 16. I apply my values when judging people who are different.
- _____ 17. I see people who are similar to me as virtuous.
- _____ 18. I do not cooperate with people who are different.
- _____ 19. Most people in my culture just don't know what is good for them.
- _____ 20. I do not trust people who are different.
- _____ 21. I dislike interacting with people from different countries.
- _____ 22. I don't really care about the values and customs of other countries.

MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL...

QUIZ #1 This quiz assessed how knowledgeable and culturally aware you are to the world around you...



SCORING: Add up all 15 responses (scores must range from 15-75).
The higher the score, the more culturally aware you are.
Scores above 50 indicate a relatively healthy degree of cultural awareness.

MY SCORE: _____

QUIZ #2 This quiz assessed how comfortable you'd feel in certain situations...

SCORING: Did you answer "5- Loved and Honored" to any situation?

MY SCORE: YES / NO

QUIZ #3 This quiz assessed how apprehensive you are when communicating to those from different cultures...

SCORING: Step 1. Add the scores for the following items: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 12
Step 2. Add the scores for: 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, and 14
Step 3. Complete this formula: 42 plus sum of Step 2 minus sum of Step 1.
Scores below 32 indicate little apprehension. Scores above 52 indicate high apprehension. (Scores can range from 14 to 70)

MY SCORE: _____

QUIZ #4 This quiz assessed how much you tend to evaluate your culture as superior to others (ethnocentrism).

SCORING: Step 1: Add the scores for: 4, 7, and 9.
Step 2: Add the scores for: 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, and 22.
Step 3: Subtract the sum from Step 1 from 18 (i.e., 18 minus Step 1 sum).
Step 4: Add the results of Step 2 and Step 3. This sum is your score.
Scores above 55 are considered high ethnocentrism.

MY SCORE: _____