

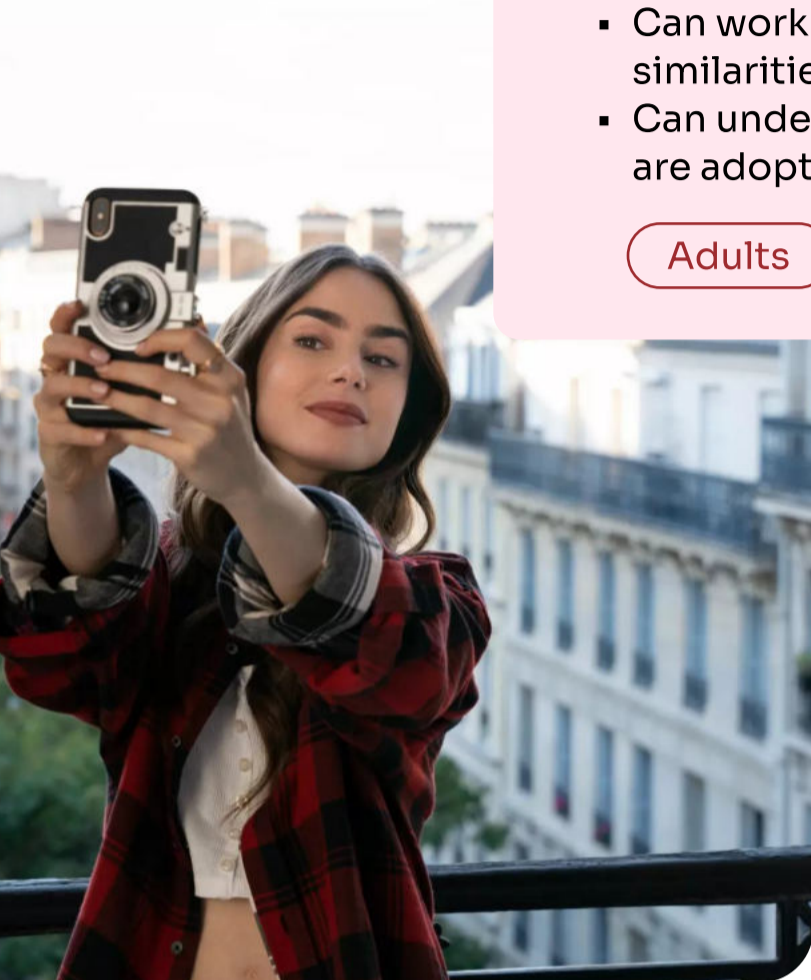
Emily in Paris: Clichés

Skills:

- Can work collaboratively with people who have different cultural orientations, discussing similarities and differences in views and perspectives.
- Can understand articles concerned with contemporary problems in which particular viewpoints are adopted.

Adults

Group



1 Brainstorm together: What are some common stereotypes you have heard about different cultures or countries?

2 Share: How do you feel when a show or movie portrays your culture in a way that seems exaggerated or clichéd?

3 Have you watched 'Emily in Paris'? If so, what's your opinion about the TV show? Read the beginning of an article, which shares the opinion of a Parisian girl about the TV show, and fill in the gaps with the words provided below.

common

worth watching

perspective

criticism

famous

died down

bring anything new

The release of Emily in Paris Season 3 on Netflix has caused a lot of _____(1), mainly about the clichés of Paris that are now more _____(2) than the story itself.

As someone born and raised in Paris, I share my thoughts on the show.

I found Season 1 very funny because the writers mixed _____(3) clichés about France, Paris, and Parisians with Emily's story as a young American who loves Paris and its fashion industry.

I had just come back from a year-long study-abroad program and, with my new _____(4) from living in the US, found most of the clichés to be true.

I felt a strong sense of recognition when I saw the overly cheerful Emily, who is like many Americans I knew.

But I also noticed some of the clichés I often heard about French people while I was in the US.

At that time, most of my French friends criticized the show and few could look past these clichés to discuss the actual story.

The excitement _____(5) during Season 2: actor Lucien Laviscount - playing Emily's love interest Alfie - was the only thing _____(6) as the plot didn't _____(7). The clichés became less tolerable.



[picture source](#)

4 Guess which of these clichés are totally true, mostly true, and false:

1. French people cheat a lot
2. They smoke all the time
3. Paris is clean and looks like a museum
4. They are arrogant and look down on you
5. They lack of hygiene
6. French people like flirting a lot
7. They are very careful about not overworking
8. They have to uphold their reputation with clothes
9. Strikes are everywhere

5 Then follow the link to the article and choose one cliché mentioned there. Read about it and be prepared to explain to everyone whether it is true or false and why.



6 Discuss in small groups. Share your answers with the teacher.

Do you think it's important for shows and movies to accurately represent cultures? Why or why not?

Can you share an example of a film or series that you believe did a good job representing a culture?

How do you think living abroad changes someone's perspective on their home country?

Correct answers

1**Generated in “Discussion Questions”****2****Generated in “Discussion Questions”****3****Made in “Fill in the Gap”. Based on [this article](#). Simplified a little bit in the “Simplify/Upgrade” tool.**

1. criticism
2. famous
3. common
4. perspective
5. died down
6. worth watching
7. bring anything new

4**Inspired by “Lead-in Activities”.**

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Mostly true | 6. True |
| 2. False | 7. Mostly true |
| 3. False | 8. False |
| 4. True | 9. True |
| 5. Mostly true | |

6**Made in “Discussion Questions”**