

Cultural Bingo

This activity has participants discuss different cultures and each other’s backgrounds, both important aspects of becoming culturally competent.

Has visited another country	Speaks another language fluently	Has friends or family living in another country	Can name the town of their grandparents’ birth	Enjoys music in a foreign language
Can name two countries in Africa	Can share a recent current event from another country	Has had their first or last name mispronounced	Can name 4 world religions	Is dating or close friends with someone from another culture
Knows what a quinceañera is	Can identify 3 countries’ flags	FREE SPACE	Was born in the United States	Has been to a bar/ bat mitzvah
Identifies with 2 or more cultural backgrounds	Recently saw a movie from another country	Is learning another language	Is in a cultural organization	Knows a dance style from another country
Recently ate a meal based on international cuisine	Has relatives who speak a language other than English	Plans to travel abroad in the next 5 years	Was born outside the United States	Is wearing something bought outside the U.S.

To Do:

- Distribute the bingo sheets. The first person with matches for 5 boxes in a row — diagonally, horizontally or vertically — should yell “Bingo!”
- Afterwards, discuss:
 - What did you think of this activity?
 - Had you assumed who’d fit each category before you began? Did you learn anything about other participants that surprised you? (No need to specify, but it’s good to acknowledge our own assumptions.)
 - Did anyone learn something about you that surprised them? If so, and if you’re comfortable sharing, how’d that make you feel?
 - Did some of these criteria make you uncomfortable? If so, and if you’re willing, share which one(s) and why.
 - What other characteristics would’ve been interesting to include?
 - Which boxes were the easiest? Which were the hardest?

Sources: “Diversity Bingo,” University of Rhode Island’s New Student Programs, web.uri.edu/newstudent; “Diversity Activities Resource Guide,” University of Houston’s Center for Diversity and Inclusion, www.uh.edu/cdi/diversity_education; “Diversity Bingo,” National Association of Developmental Education and Special Professional Interest Network, spinontutoring.com