

Offline Learning Activity for French 1

Day: 20

Topic: Products vs. Practices

Standard: CLT.1.1, CLT.1.2

Time: 30 minutes

Overview

This learning activity is for students to use when they do not have access to the course. Notes from necessary lessons are included.



Objectives

After completing this activity, students will be able to . . .

- identify the difference between products and practices from a culture and list examples of each

Assignment Instructions

Key to learning a language is understanding its culture. And key to understanding a culture is learning about its products and practices. There are two different types of products that you can learn about:

- A **tangible object** is something that the country or culture in question produces that can be physically held or represented by a physical object.
- An **intangible object** is a product that a country or culture produces that cannot be touched, held, or represented by a physical object.

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Now, we're going to briefly discuss the difference between a product in general and a practice in the target culture.

- **A product:** the tangible and intangible creations of a target culture
- **A practice:** a pattern of social interaction or behavior that shares insight into the target culture

So, a product of a culture is what they make, and a practice of a culture is what they do. We use these both to develop insight into the culture that we're studying. Ideally, if we could, we would send each and every one of you into the culture itself to experience these things first-hand. That isn't possible, however, so we'll have to study these concepts from afar.

Think about the difference between a product and a practice, and answer the questions below.

Which of the following would be considered a practice?

- a. a maypole
- b. a basket of flowers
- c. dancing around a maypole in the spring
- d. a special dress

Which of the following would be considered a product?

- a. eating a special meal during a holiday
- b. giving gifts during a holiday
- c. singing special songs during a holiday
- d. a particular dish at the holiday dinner table

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Now list at least 3 products of your own culture:

List at least 3 practices of your own culture:
