

Culture Quiz

You couldn't find flowers to bring to your Japanese host, but found a beautiful potted plant instead. You're pleased with your choice - how about her?

Your German colleague has a birthday next week when you will be away on holiday. You wish him happy birthday before you go and can't understand why he's so upset. What have you done wrong?

You are in a meeting with some Japanese clients. All talk has ceased and it's now quiet. Is this good or bad?

You're in a street in Bangkok and have just dropped your change. Instinctively you put your foot on the coins to stop them rolling. People around you look on in horror. Why this reaction?

You have been transferred to the Stockholm office and are in a meeting with your new team. The discussions are going round and round and no decision is being made. As their new manager you feel it's time to end this long-running debate and get on with the meeting, so you tell them your decision. What happens next?

You were transferred to the Athens office some months back and have concerns that your staff are not getting on with their work. No one seems to want to take the initiative. Why might this be?

Your company has sent you to Tokyo for two years. Your family can't travel with you because the children are going through exams. You don't speak much Japanese yet, so activities outside of work are restricted. No matter, you're hardworking and want to get on, so you stay late at the office most nights. So it seems, does everyone else. Why don't your staff ever seem to go home?

How do you think you did? If you're not sure, or would like a better insight into cross-cultural awareness, contact us at info@mozayiks.co.uk for the answers!