

Ice Breaker Activity

Directions: Find out at least two people for each category. Try to use everyone's name at least once.

1. Owns an Indian object _____
2. Knows words of a Hindi Song _____
3. Follows horoscope _____
4. Loves spicy food _____
5. Is a vegetarian _____
6. Has watched an Indian movie _____
7. Has worked at a place where uniforms are required _____
8. Has visited another country _____
9. Speaks more than one language _____
10. Read a book set in India _____
11. Born outside Pennsylvania _____
12. Has relatives living in another country _____
13. Does Yoga _____
14. Knows capital of India _____
15. Has visited India _____

Five cultural competence skill areas for educators and educational Institutes

1. **Valuing Diversity.**

Accepting and respecting differences—different cultural backgrounds and customs, different ways of communicating, and different traditions and values.

2. **Being Culturally Self-Aware.**

Culture—the sum total of an individual’s experiences, knowledge, skills, beliefs, values, and interests—shapes educators’ sense of who they are and where they fit in their family, school, community, and society.

3. **Dynamics of Difference.**

Knowing what can go wrong in cross-cultural communication and how to respond to these situations.

4. **Knowledge of Students’ Culture.**

Educators must have some base knowledge of their students’ culture so that student behaviors can be understood in their proper cultural context.

5. **Institutionalizing Cultural Knowledge and Adapting to Diversity.**

Culturally competent educators, and the institutions they work in, can take a step further by institutionalizing cultural knowledge so they can adapt to diversity and better serve diverse populations.

(Moule, Diller, 2005)

Source: [Policy Brief: Enhancing Cultural Competency & Responsiveness in Public Education](#)

Hindi Alphabets transliteration with English equivalent

Vowels

अ	आ	इ	ई	उ	ऊ	ए	ऐ	ओ	औ
a	ā	i	ī	u	ū	e	ai	o	au
[ʌ]	[a]	[i]	[i:]	[u]	[u:]	[e]	[æ:]	[o]	[ɔ:]

Hindi Vowels	English Equivalent	Hindi Example
a	ǔ in but	dar
ā	a in palm	māl
i	i in kin	gil
ī	ee in meet	mīr
u	oo in hook	mulk
ū	oo in shoot	nūr
ṛ	ri (one vowel in Hindi). The tongue is curled up and flapped against the roof of the mouth.	kṛshṇ
e	ā in late (without an i or y glide at the end and very level throughout); also ě in met (writing makes no distinction)	saksena
ai	ai in bait; in some areas, a diphthong a+i	vaid
o	ō in dote or ō in not (writing makes no distinction)	motī
au	au in caught; in some areas, a diphthong a+u	gaur

Hindi Consonants	English Equivalent	Hindi Example
k	k without aspiration	kapūr
kh	k aspirated as in khaki	khān
g	g as in gate	garg
gh	g+aspiration	singh
ṅ	ng in sing (occurs only before the letters transliterated g and k)	(rare in names)
c	ch in cheek	cauhān
ch	ch+strong aspiration as in chortle	chōprā
j	j in joy	jośī
jh	j+aspiration	ojhā
n	ni in onion	(rare in names)
ṭ	t with the tongue in retroflex position (i.e., placed behind the ridge of the teeth with	ṭandon

ṭh	the tip of the tongue curled back) similar to the sound of ṭ above followed by aspiration	thakur
ḍ	retroflex d	paṇḍit
ḍh	retroflex d followed by aspiration	(rare in names)
ṇ	a flapped sound similar to that of r but pronounced with a nasal tinge	kṛṣṇṇ
t	t with tongue against front teeth	tivārī
ṭh	the sound of t followed by strong aspiration	māthur
d	d with tongue against front teeth	dūbē
dh	the sound of d aspirated	sondhī
n	n in name	nair
p	p without aspiration as in spun	pūrī
ph	p strongly aspirated	(rare in names)
b	b in ball	bansal
bh	b aspirated	bhagat
m	m in mail	madan
y	y in yell	yādav
r	r (by lightly trilling tip of tongue against ridge of teeth)	rohātgi
l	l in leave	lāl
v	between v and w	varma
ś	sh in shoot	sharmā
sh	sh in shoot	shishta
s	s in song	sārasvat
h	h with vibration of	hākīm

Consonants

क	ka	[kə]	ख	kha	[kʰə]	ग	ga	[gə]	घ	gha	[gʰə]	ङ	ṅa	[ŋə]
च	ca	[tʃə]	छ	cha	[tʃʰə]	ज	ja	[dʒə]	झ	jha	[dʒʰə]	ञ	ña	[ɟə]
ट	ṭa	[tʰə]	ठ	ṭha	[tʰʰə]	ड	ḍa	[dʰə]	ढ	ḍha	[dʰʰə]	ण	ṇa	[ɳə]
त	ta	[tə]	थ	tha	[tʰə]	द	da	[də]	ध	dha	[dʰə]	न	na	[nə]
प	pa	[pə]	फ	pha	[pʰə]	ब	ba	[bə]	भ	bha	[bʰə]	म	ma	[mə]
य	ya	[jə]	र	ra	[rə]	ल	la	[lə]	व	va	[və]			
श	śa	[ʃə]	ष	ṣa	[ʃə]	स	sa	[sə]						
ह	ha	[ɦə]												