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1. Your teacher will give you a list of five TV shows, or they will ask you to create a list. As a group, order the TV shows from 1 (the best) to 5 (the worst). Argue, discuss and compromise because you are only allowed one list per group.

THE BEST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

THE WORST

2. Look at the sentences below, and underline any phrases used for showing a similarity or a contrast. Write S for similarity and C for contrast above each phrase.

1. UK TV shows show people in the house wearing shoes, ^C whereas in Korean shows, people take off their shoes when they enter the house.
2. American shows show people drinking coffee in the morning. Similarly, in Korea, we have a coffee-drinking culture.
3. Like the UK and America, Korea is a multi-cultural society with people living there coming from many different places.
4. I think Latin culture is similar to Korean culture.
5. TV shows in America are very different from Korean shows.
6. In comparison to British culture, Russian TV tends to show people being more reserved, showing their feelings less.
7. In contrast to UK TV, Korean TV tends to highlight family relationships more.
8. There are major differences between how people talk to each other in different cultures.
9. Vietnamese people tend to like comedies, whilst British people prefer dramas.

3. Complete the sentences with phrases from the activity above. Some gaps have more than one correct answer.

1. American shows show people living an individualistic lifestyle, whereas / whilst in Vietnam, there is more of a focus on family.
2. _____ people in the UK, the first thing people do when they wake up in Korea is get a coffee.
3. People in the UK prefer drinking tea, _____ people in Vietnam prefer coffee, normally iced coffee.

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4. I think the lifestyle in Korea _____ the lifestyle in Uruguay.
5. I think there are _____ TV in the US and China. You hardly see any violence on TV in China.
6. People in the UK like crime shows. _____, people in the US also like shows about police and criminals.
7. TV in America often shows people drinking beer _____ the Arab world, where this is not allowed.
8. In my opinion, there are _____ TV shows in France and Belgium.
9. _____ America, Korean shows often depict a capitalist society.

Mark the stressed syllables in the words you have written in the gaps. For example, *whereas*.

4. With your group, choose a genre of TV you are all interested in. For example, sitcoms, dramas, documentaries, soaps, cartoons, reality TV, children's shows.

Next, on your own, choose a show you know from that genre, from your culture, and make notes on the show in the *Me* column of the table.

Genre _____	Me	Name _____	Name _____
What is the show called? Who stars in it?			
What is the show about?			
Does the show represent your culture? How? Consider: family, jobs, hobbies, food, lifestyle, celebrations.			

5. Share the information you wrote above and write your partners' answers in the last two columns. Then, as a group create a poster showing three similarities and three differences between the shows. After you have created the poster, you will present it to another group.