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# Talking with people from different culture.

When we meet with new people from other country, probably it will confuse us a little bit, because people who come from other country have their own culture which is not the same with our culture. When the first time I arrived in Netherlands for my study, I got amazed by how polite Dutch people are, I across someone that I don’t know who they are but they smiling and say hi to me. But there’s other people who come from other country let say eastern Europe, they’re so cold when they doesn’t know the person, but once they know you they can be so nice. I did ask them why they do that and the answer is we don’t smile to people that we’re not close to, but for Asian people smiling to people is a normal thing. So basically the different come from the culture.

Because I’m studying in the international school, I have a lot of international friends. All of them has their own way to communicate, so first impression is not really working in this condition. We can’t be disappointed if their response is not the same with the one that we expect it to be. Try to talk more with the people, then we can know what kind of people they are and do you feel comfortable talking with them. If you don’t like their personality don’t force your self to be friend with them, but still you have to be professional if it’s related with school or works.

In my group project there’s 1 Bulgarian, 1 Indonesian, 2 Dutch, and 1 British. At first it’s really hard to understand each other from the group member because we don’t really know each other’s personality. And we also came from different culture so we have different way to communicate with people. At first we have such a lack communication in our group, but as time goes by we start to understand each other’s culture and everything start going well and we start talk with each other more often. The only problem that we have in our group right now is we lost contact with one of our member. He just didn’t show up anymore.