

# Connecting Cultures Activity

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The travel and tourism industry is known for diversity in the workforce. Working with people from different cultures, countries and of all ages has made it possible for the industry to provide better customer service. This activity will connect students with other students of different backgrounds.

## Supplies Needed:

- Large ball of string or yarn

Instruct the students to form a large circle. Hand the ball of yarn to one student and ask him/her to answer the following questions:

1. What is your cultural background?
2. What traditions are in your culture?
3. What is your favorite food from your culture?

The first students should hold onto the end of the string/yarn and gently tosses the ball to another student across from him/her. That student then answers the three questions and holds on to the string tightly and tosses the ball to another student across from him/her. Continue the procedure until all of the students have had an opportunity to answer the questions and a spider web has been formed. They are all now connected!

The spider web may be displayed on a large wall with labels at each point signifying the various cultures.

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The Spider Web

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