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Look up the following definition and synonyms for the following key words:

1. Language
   * Definition:
   * Synonyms:
2. Identity
   * Definition:
   * Synonyms:
3. Culture
   * Definition:
   * Synonyms:

Define the following words, then choose five of the words and add to the ‘What is culture’ mind map. Provide a one sentence explanation of why you chose that particular word and how it relates to an area of culture. Add to this bank of words throughout the study of Module B.

1. collective
2. complexity
3. perceptions
4. experiment
5. prevailing
6. assumption
7. representation
8. selfhood
9. affiliation
10. heritage
11. circumstance
12. traditional
13. ancestor
14. congruity
15. conformity
16. manifestation
17. civilisation
18. translation
19. vernacular
20. dialect

Answers for the teacher

1. Language
   * Definition: the method of human communication, either spoken or written, consisting of the use of words in a structured and conventional way.
   * Synonyms: tongue, speech, mother tongue, native tongue, dialect, vernacular, lingo
2. Identity
   * Definition: the fact of being who or what a person or thing is.
   * Synonyms: identicalness, sameness, oneness, congruity, distinguishability
3. Culture
   * Definition: the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society.
   * Synonyms: civilisation, society, lifestyle, heritage, habits, values, lifestyle, customs
4. collective adj. done by people acting as a group
5. complexity noun. the state or quality of being intricate or complicated
6. perceptions noun. the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses
7. experiment verb. to carry out trials, conduct research and determine something
8. prevailing adj. existing at a particular time; current
9. assumption noun. a thing that is accepted as true or as certain to happen, without proof
10. representation noun. the action of speaking or acting on behalf of someone
11. selfhood noun. the state of having individual identity
12. affiliation noun. the state or process of affiliating or being affiliated
13. heritage noun. valued objects and qualities such as historic buildings and cultural traditions that have been passed down from previous generations
14. circumstance noun. a fact or condition connected with or relevant to an event or action
15. traditional adj. existing in or as part of a tradition; long-established.
16. ancestor noun. a person, typically one more remote than a grandparent, from whom one is descended.
17. congruity adj. in agreement or harmony
18. conformity noun. compliance with standards, rules or laws
19. manifestation noun. an event, action, or object that clearly shows or embodies something, especially a theory or an abstract idea
20. civilisation noun. the stage of human social and cultural development and organisation that is considered most advanced
21. translation noun. the process of translating words or text from one language into another
22. vernacular noun. the language or dialect spoken by ordinary people in a particular country or region
23. dialect noun. a particular form of language which is particular to a specific region or social group

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