

**culture****1. ['kʌltʃə] n****1. культура**

ancient culture - древняя культура

Greek culture - греческая культура

physical culture - физкультура

he is a man of considerable culture - он человек большой культуры

a man of little culture - малокультурный человек; невежда

**2. сельскохозяйственная культура**

culture of silk [cotton] - культура шёлка [хлопка]

**3. разведение (устриц, рыбы, шелковичных червей и т. п.)**

culture of vines - возделывание виноградной лозы

bee culture - пчеловодство

**4. биол. культура бактерий**

culture medium - питательная среда

**5. топ. пометки сооружений на картах****2. ['kʌltʃə] v**1. *книжн.* возделывать, обрабатывать; выращивать2. *редк.* развивать, совершенствовать3. *биол.* выращивать (*микроорганизмы*) в питательной среде**culture**

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**cul-ture** AW [culture cultures cultured culturing] noun, verb BrE ['kʌltʃə(r)]<sup>1</sup>NAme ['kʌltʃər]<sup>2</sup>

noun

**WAY OF LIFE****1. uncountable** the customs and beliefs, art, way of life and social organization of a particular country or group• **European/Islamic/African/American, etc. culture**

• working-class culture

**2. countable** a country, group, etc. with its own beliefs, etc

• The children are taught to respect different cultures.

• the effect of technology on traditional cultures

**ART/MUSIC/LITERATURE****3. uncountable** art, music, literature, etc, thought of as a group

• Venice is a beautiful city full of culture and history.

• **popular culture** (= that is enjoyed by a lot of people)

• the Minister for Culture

**BELIEFS/ATTITUDES****4. countable, uncountable** the beliefs and attitudes about sth that people in a particular group or organization share

• The political cultures of the United States and Europe are very different

• A culture of failure exists in some schools.

• company culture

• We are living in a consumer culture.

**GROWING/BREEDING****5. uncountable (technical)** the growing of plants or breeding of particular animals in order to get a particular substance or crop from them

• the culture of silkworms (= for silk)

**CELLS/BACTERIA****6. countable (biology, medical)** a group of cells or bacteria, especially one taken from a person or an animal and grown for medical or scientific study, or to produce food; the process of obtaining and growing these cells

• a culture of cells from the tumour

• Yogurt is made from active cultures.

• to do/take a throat culture

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:**culture** noun U, C

• These ideas are central to Western culture.

**society** • • **civilization** • • **world** • • **community** • • **race** •

**European/African, etc.** culture/society/civilization  
 (the) **Arab/Islamic** culture/society/world/community  
 a/an/the **ancient/modern/contemporary** culture/society/world/civilization  
 a **primitive** culture/society/community/race

Example Bank:

- Children need to learn to understand cultures other than their own.
- In some cultures children have an important place.
- Jokes are an important part of our popular oral culture.
- Newcomers to the company are soon assimilated into the culture.
- Prisoners are isolated from the wider culture of society at large.
- She experienced great culture shock when she first came to Europe.
- She is a woman of wide culture.
- The Romans gradually assimilated the culture of the people they had conquered.
- The computer has changed the culture of the design profession.
- The new director is trying to foster a culture of open communication within the company.
- The paintings reflect African American culture.
- The social security system has been accused of producing a culture of dependency.
- These ideas have always been central to Western culture.
- a country containing many language and culture groups
- immigrants who embrace American culture
- the development of the enterprise culture in Britain
- the political culture of the US
- He had never left his village before so, arriving in the capital, Manila, was a big culture shock.

verb ~ sth (biology, medical)

to grow a group of cells or bacteria for medical or scientific study

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	culture
	BrE / 'kʌltʃə(r)/
	NAmE / 'kʌltʃər/
he / she / it	cultures
	BrE / 'kʌltʃəz/
	NAmE / 'kʌltʃərz/
past simple, past participle	cultured
	BrE / 'kʌltʃəd/
	NAmE / 'kʌltʃərd/
-ing form	culturing
	BrE / 'kʌltʃərɪŋ/
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I. **culture**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W1 AC** /'kʌltʃə \$ -ər/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑culture, ↑subculture; adjective: ↑cultural, ↑cultured; adverb: ↑culturally]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin cultura, from cultus; ⇨ ↑cultivate]

**1. IN A SOCIETY** [uncountable and countable] the beliefs, way of life, art, and customs that are shared and accepted by people in a particular society:

- " We speak Danish at home so that the boys don't lose touch with their language and culture.
- " In our culture, it is rude to ask someone how much they earn.
- " I love working abroad and meeting people from different cultures.

**Western/American/Japanese etc culture**

- " A brief history of Western culture.

**modern/contemporary culture**

- " Business is one of the major forces in modern culture.

**2. IN A GROUP** [uncountable and countable] the attitudes and beliefs about something that are shared by a particular group of people or in a particular organization:

- " Every government department has its own particular culture.

**corporate/business/company culture**

- " Changing the corporate culture is a long and difficult process.

**culture of**

- " In the field of drug development, the culture of secrecy is deep and strong.
- " modern American youth culture
- " the drug culture that is destroying so many young lives today

the German political culture ⇒ ↑subculture

3. ART/MUSIC/LITERATURE [uncountable] activities that are related to art, music, literature etc:

▪ If it's culture you're looking for, the city has plenty of museums and art galleries.

▪ the Italian Ministry of Culture

popular culture (=the music, books, films etc that are liked by a lot of people)

culture culture informal (=someone who is very interested in art, music, literature etc)

4. SOCIETY [countable] a society that existed at a particular time in history:

▪ This technique was then adapted and refined by the more sophisticated cultures of the ancient world.

▪ primitive cultures

5. MEDICINE/SCIENCE [uncountable and countable] technical ↑bacteria or cells grown for medical or scientific use, or the process of growing them:

▪ It takes two to three weeks to grow the culture.

▪ tissue cultures

6. CROPS [uncountable] technical the practice of growing crops SYN cultivation:

▪ clearing forest for rice culture

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

▪ Western/American/Japanese etc culture Our society was heavily influenced by Greek and Roman culture.

▪ national culture Sport is a major part of our national culture.

▪ local culture The local culture of the island has much to interest visitors.

▪ a common culture (=one that societies or people share) Britain and America are united by a common culture.

▪ traditional/ancient culture The people have a traditional culture which has hardly changed in 500 years.

▪ modern culture Computers are a part of modern culture.

▪ the dominant culture (=the main culture in an area where there are many different cultures) What are the values of the dominant culture?

■ culture + NOUN

▪ culture shock (=the confusion or shock that people sometimes feel in a very different country or place)

II. culture<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>+</sup> AmE<sup>+</sup> verb [transitive] technical

to grow ↑bacteria or cells for medical or scientific use

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