

Cultural differences



- Paul:** *Hey Mandy! Long time no see! How was you time in Australia?*
- Mandy:** *It was amazing! I'm happy to be home though!*
- Paul:** *I thought you would never come back!*
- Mandy:** *Actually, living abroad isn't all it's cracked up to be.*
- Paul:** *Why? Didn't you enjoy living in Australia?*
- Mandy:** *It was fun at first, but the Australian way of life is so different to here.*
- Paul:** *How is it different?*
- Mandy:** *Well, they are very relaxed...it seems like work doesn't matter to them!*
- Paul:** *That sounds good to me!*
- Mandy:** *They are also not very polite. Sometimes, they used swear words a lot and it made me feel uncomfortable.*
- Paul:** *Ah I see. Were there any other differences?*
- Mandy:** *I couldn't get used to chatting to strangers. They often chatted to me at bus stops or in shops!*
- Paul:** *It sounds like Australia isn't for you!*
- Mandy:** *Yes, perhaps I will try a country more similar to ours next time!*

Vocabulary

- Way of life* - Typical pattern of behavior of a person or group.
Chat - To talk casually.
Stranger - A person you don't know.

Idioms

- _____ *isn't all it's cracked up to be.* - Something that is not as good as expected.
_____ *isn't for you/me.* - Something that doesn't suit someone.

Expression - *It sounds like...*

This is a very common way of reacting when you listen to someone's story/news. Look at the following examples:

A: Australia was amazing!
A: I'm always sick!

B: It sounds like you had a great time!
B: It sounds like you need to eat healthier!

Structure: **It sounds like** subject verb

Your turn!

A: I'm so tired...I can barely stay awake!
*A: I'm having a picnic tomorrow but the
Weather forecast is terrible!*

B: _____
B: _____



Discussion

1. What are some typical examples of cultural differences? Think about the following situations:
 - Greetings
 - Manners
 - Personal space
 - Time
2. Have you experienced difficulty with another country's culture?
3. How about with a foreigner living in Korea?
4. Which countries are the most different to Korea?
5. It is important to be adaptable in new countries. Are you adaptable?
6. Have you ever been somewhere that's 'not all it's cracked up to be'?
7. Which countries do you hope to travel in the future?

