Integrating Culture, Content, and Language

Communication is the expression, interpretation and negotiation of meaning with a purpose in a given context. What is more, communication is also purposeful.

Bill VanPatten

Learners effectively use language in the three modes of communication to acquire and demonstrate cultural and content knowledge.

At the heart of intercultural competence is the preparation of individuals to interact appropriately and effectively with those from other cultural backgrounds.

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Content

- Names of cities/regions and key characteristics
- Geography, cultural sites, historical figures

Language

- Getting acquainted with others
- Things to pack
- Expressing likes, dislikes of where they are going and why

LETS GO SOMEWHERE

REGIONAL SPECIALTIES (FOOD, ACTIVITIES, AND FESTIVALS)

GREETINGS, REGISTER

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OTHERS

THINGS TO PACK

EXPRESSING LIKES, DISLIKES OF WHERE THEY ARE GOING AND WHY

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