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# CultureGrams

*Around the World in one Afternoon*



## Overview:

Each patron gets a mini 'passport' booklet at the start of the program. They'll travel to different county stations, complete with a quick activity or challenge at each one, and collect a stamp for their passport.

- Grades 6-12
- Time: 60-90 Minutes

## Features:

- 3 Stations featuring different countries around the world
- Each station has a country-specific activity
- Passport Stamps

## Japan-Origami & Fun Facts

- Make a simple origami crane or samurai hat.
- Use CultureGrams-Japan to share quick facts or watch a short video.
- Passport Stamp after completion.



## Mexico-Recipe Tasting

- Sample snack inspired by traditional recipe from CultureGrams (e.g. pan dulce, or agua fresca).
- Share the recipe sheet with teens.
- Passport Stamp after taste-test.



## Kenya-Language

- Match common Swahili phrases to their English meanings.
- Use CultureGrams audio/text samples to teach simple greetings like 'Jambo' and 'Asante'.
- Passport stamp after matching game.



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## Overview:

## Japan-Origami & Fun Facts

- Make a simple origami crane or turtle
- Read about how origami plays a role in wedding engagements.
- Play the origami tutorials on youtube and have origami instructions printed out at station.



CultureGrams fun facts about  
Origami Engagement Gifts

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Japan

### Dating and Marriage

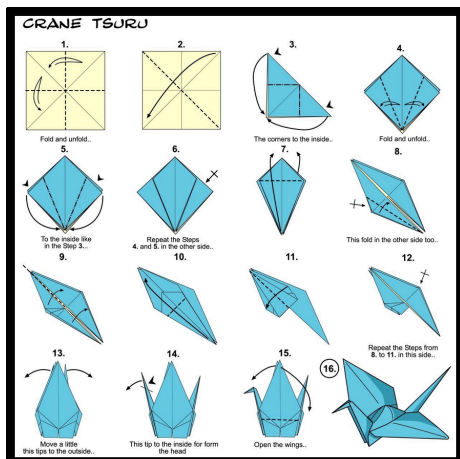
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#### Dating and Courtship

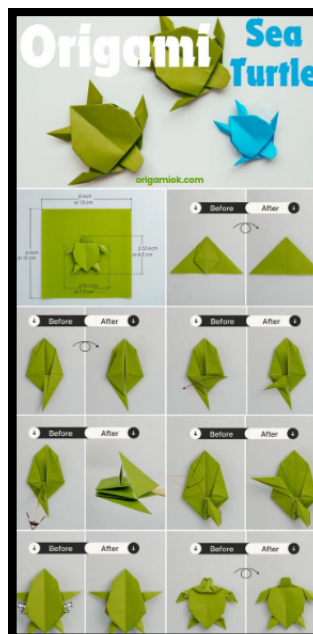
Some Japanese youth begin dating around age 15, though most have little free time or spending money at that age. In college, people have more time and opportunity to date. Couples meet through school, clubs, and friends who set up *gokon*. A *gokon* is a group blind date in which a couple invites a small group of their friends to a restaurant for drinks and to get to know one another. Some people turn to a matchmaker (generally an older female relative or friend) to introduce them to local singles looking to marry. After a series of formal introductions in which parents and the matchmaker are present, couples who like each other continue dating on their own. In the past, people may have met using an *omiai* (introduction service), but today internet dating is becoming more popular. Most couples avoid public displays of affection.

#### Engagement

A *yuiuo* (engagement ceremony) involving the couple's parents occurs after the groom has asked the bride to marry him. The groom and his parents visit the bride and her parents at her home or a restaurant. According to tradition, the groom's family offers *yuiuhon* (gifts that are decorated with **origami** turtles and **cranes**, symbols of eternity and long life) to the bride's family. *Yuiuhon* is money traditionally offered to the bride's family during the *yuiuo*. While some families follow these traditions, more commonly the families share a meal to get to know each other and decide on the details of the wedding. If the families live far apart, they may simply meet the day before the wedding ceremony to have a meal or drinks together.



Origami Crane & Turtle  
Instructions Printout



Origami Crane Youtube Tutorial



Origami Turtle Youtube Tutorial

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## Overview:

## Mexico-Recipe Tasting

- Pre-make or make Tortas and quesadillas
- Read the 'Diet' information on CultureGrams
- Pass out food, have recipe cards printed out, and enjoy!



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### Mexico Diet

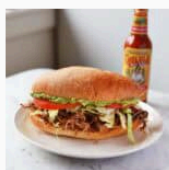
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Staple foods include corn, beans, rice, and [chilies](#). These typically are combined with spices, vegetables, and [meats](#) or fish. Some foods and dishes are regional, but others are common throughout the nation. Cornmeal or flour [tortillas](#) are eaten everywhere.

Common dishes include [tortas](#) (hollow rolls stuffed with meat, cheese, or beans), [quesadillas](#) (tortillas baked or fried with cheese), [mole](#) (spicy or sweet sauce served with meat), and [tacos](#) (folded tortillas with meat or other filling). Popular soups include [pozole](#) (pork-and-hominy soup), [birria](#) (goat soup), and [menudo](#) (spicy tripe soup). [Enchiladas](#) are tortillas filled with meat and covered in a chili sauce. [Tamales](#) are cornmeal dough stuffed with meat, cheese, fruit, or other filling; they are wrapped in a corn husk or banana leaf and steamed. People often make homemade fruit drinks, but commercially produced soda is everywhere.

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CultureGrams facts about  
tortas & quesadillas.



### Torta

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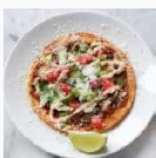
A delicious and filling Mexican sandwich you can customize many ways

**Course** Main Course  
**Cuisine** Mexican  
**Keyword** torta

**Prep Time** 2 minutes  
**Cook Time** 3 minutes  
**Total Time** 5 minutes  
**Calories** 495kcal  
**Author** Emma Chapman



*A Beautiful Mess Torta Recipe*



### How to make a Quesadilla

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Crispy tortillas filled with cheese, meat and other fillings.

**Course** Main Course, Snack  
**Cuisine** Mexican  
**Keyword** quesadilla

**Prep Time** 5 minutes  
**Cook Time** 10 minutes  
**Total Time** 15 minutes  
**Servings** 4  
**Calories** 644kcal  
**Author** Emma Chapman



*A Beautiful Mess Quesadilla Recipe*

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## Kenya-Language

- Go over the Language section in Kenya about Swahili
- Pull up the *Kahoot* Swahili Flashcards to review
- Play the *Kahoot* Swahili game on a smartboard or projector



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### Republic of Kenya Language

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English and **Swahili** (also called *kiSwahili*) are Kenya's official languages. English is widely used in business, education, and government. **Swahili** is promoted to encourage national unity and was chosen as the national language over other native tongues because of its linguistic commonality with Kenya's other Bantu-based languages. Each ethnic group has its own native tongue, though the use of these ethnic languages is slowly decreasing among younger generations, especially among those raised in urban areas. Communication between ethnic groups usually takes place in in **Swahili** or English. **Urban young people** sometimes speak Sheng, a mixture of **Swahili**, English, and Bantu languages.

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CultureGrams facts about the Kenyan language, Swahili.



*Kahoot Swahili Game*



*Kahoot Swahili Flashcards*

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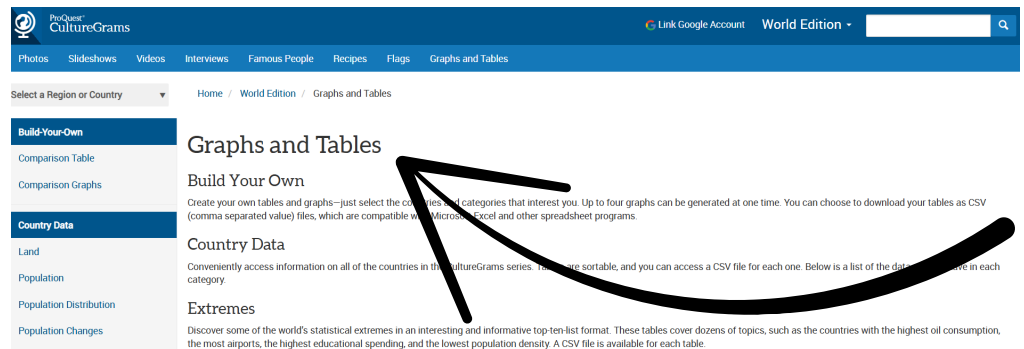
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## Overview:

## Global Games Station

- Trivia using CultureGrams data charts (e.g. 'Which country has the highest population under age 18?').
- Let teens use CultureGrams on their devices to find the answers!
- Raffle off global-themed prizes like international snacks and candy, a world map poster, or cultural bookmarks.



CultureGrams Country  
Graphs & Tables

## Comparison Graphs for: United States / Kenya / Japan / Mexico



Area (Sq. Miles),  
Population,  
Population under 15,  
GDP (PPP) Per Capita



Airports, Roads (Miles),  
Internet Users, Cell  
Phone Subscriptions



Average yrs. of  
Schooling,  
Adult Literacy, Life  
Expectancy (Male), Life  
Expectancy (Female)