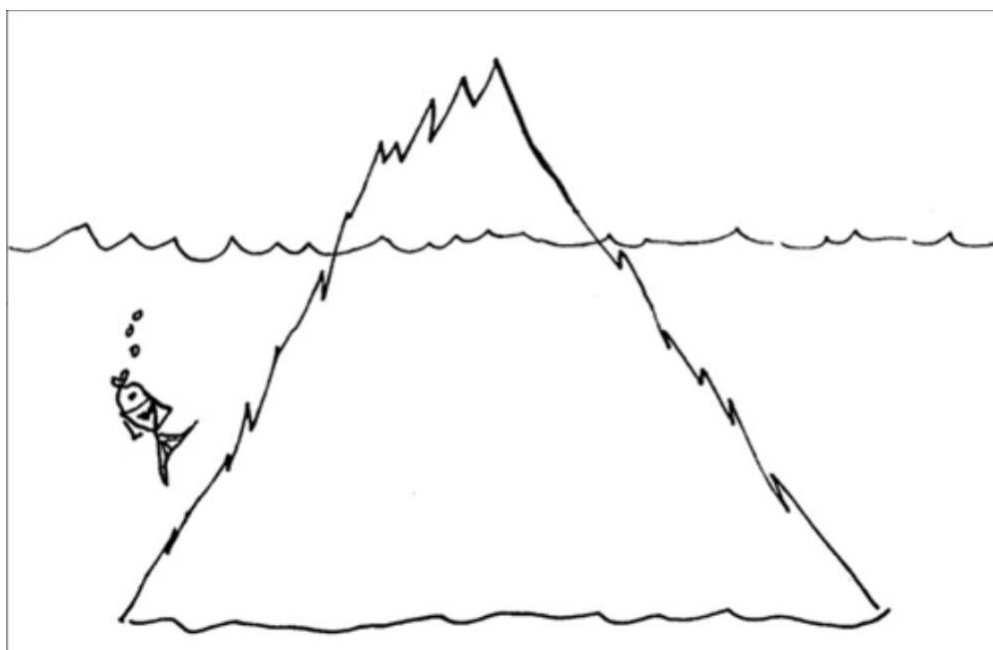


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## Reading Between the Signs: Awareness of Culture

Culture has been aptly compared to an iceberg. Just as an iceberg has a visible section above the waterline and a larger, invisible section below the waterline, so culture has some aspects that are observable and others that can only be suspected, imagined, or intuited. Also, like an iceberg, that part of culture that is visible (observable behavior) is only a small part of a much bigger, invisible whole (assumptions, values, beliefs).



Directions: The numbered items that appear below are all features of culture. In the drawing of the iceberg above, write above the waterline the numbers for those features you consider to be observable behavior or artifacts; write the remaining numbers beneath the water line.

1. facial expressions
2. religious beliefs
3. children's games
4. tempo of work
5. paintings
6. values
7. folk dancing
8. beliefs about disciplining children
9. attributes of a good leader attributes of a good leader
10. gestures
11. holiday customs
12. preference for competition or cooperation
13. obligations owed to friends
14. notions of modesty (which part(s) of body should be covered)
15. foods
16. eating habits
17. relationship to animals
18. definition of insanity
19. work ethic
20. what constitutes beauty
21. music
22. style of dress
23. attitudes toward dependence
24. concept of personal space
25. rules of social etiquette