

# I'M A...

Here's a fast-paced activity to highlight different cultural variables.

Ask participants to complete this sentence:

*I am a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ .*

After they have done this, ask them to complete the same sentence 10 different ways.

Ask each person to place his or her list (written side down) on a table and pick up someone else's.

Debrief by calling out various categories and asking for examples from different lists. Here are some suggested categories:



- activity level (*couch potato*)
- age (*senior citizen*)
- association membership (*Mensa member*)
- astrological sign (*Aries*)
- belief (*pro-life proponent*)
- birth order (*first born*)
- ethnicity (*Hispanic*)
- family type (*person from a large family*)
- gender (*woman*)
- interests (*mystery-story reader*)

- language (*Spanish speaker*)
- national origin (*African*)
- national politics (*Democrat*)
- organization (*IBM employee*)
- personal characteristic (*impatient person*)
- personality type (*introvert*)
- physical characteristic (*tall person*)
- political ideology (*capitalist*)
- profession (*writer*)
- professional approach (*behaviorist*)
- race (*Caucasian*)
- region (*Southerner*)
- religion (*Roman Catholic*)
- socioeconomic status (*yuppie*)
- thinking style (*analytical*)
- tribe (*Kpelle*)



Stress the main learning point that there are more dimensions of difference than race or national origin.