

The **international** sees: A friendly person who is offering his help. It is usually appreciated and they are glad to receive it. However, they could feel patronised, and if the relationship does not quickly move on from this, the friendship cannot be meaningfully sustained as the international is always the one receiving and cannot give anything back. In some circumstances he may feel talked down to.

International: sees a friendly person who is interested in them and their culture. They may enjoy the attention and will happily tell them about their background and culture. They might feel, however, that their friend is somehow in love with their own perception of the visitor's national identity or culture rather than the individual with whom they are making friends.

International: Despite initial pleasure at finding a friendly person who is willing to talk to them, they quickly feel that this person does not understand them at all and is really not interested in them or their culture in any way. They do not understand their new friend's jokes or colloquialisms which makes them feel even more like an outsider.

International: is immediately impressed that this person knows something about his country and the friendship may begin well. But his local friend's remarks very quickly become embarrassing, even offensive, as it is clear that his knowledge is partial, inaccurate and biased. The local friend has made lots of judgements and assumptions based on very little knowledge, and so frequently makes insensitive comments. Worse still, his friend is so proud of his 'expertise', that he is unwilling to learn from the visitor that his perceptions are in many ways wrong. The friendship is inevitably stifled.

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