

Cultural Analysis 文化解析

- A: I notice that in English-speaking cultures, people have lots of physical contact in contrast to cultures in Asia.
- B: That's true. In an English-speaking environment, physical contact may serve as an important form of non-verbal communication. We can clearly see this in this particular episode. When Nana expresses the idea that she is homesick, May holds Nana's hand to show her empathy. When Nana further expresses how much she misses her family and her hometown (she speaks with tears in her eyes), Dean gives her a gentle, polite hug. This type of physical contact is important in an English-speaking environment because it serves as a way of showing one's empathy as well as affection for a person.
- A: That's really interesting. I also notice that in this scene, Cooper makes a very important statement by saying, "I think we need to learn to accept cultural differences before we can adapt to them. But accepting another culture doesn't mean that people have to hide their own cultures." This statement is crucial because the goal of learning a second language is to learn how to successfully adapt ourselves to the target culture rather than to hide our own culture.

