

## **Acculturation:**

- Acculturation is the process in which the people of one culture adopts the culture of the other that is not originally their own.
- The original culture of the person changes due to adoption of the culture of the others.
- People who spend much of the time in the foreign are likely to adopt the foreign culture and hence are the examples of the acculturation.
- Acculturation is often seen in language, style of clothing, food habits, etc.

## **Enculturation:**

Enculturation is the process by which an individual learns about his/her own culture. Enculturation is simply a process where a child learns about the own culture and adopts into it.

### **Differences between Acculturation and Enculturation are:**

<b>Acculturation</b>	<b>Enculturation</b>
Process of learning and adopting from the others culture.	It is the process of learning and adapting from own culture.
Process by which one's culture becomes subsumed by other.	Process by which we acquire culture
Acculturation is not essential for survival but learnt when necessary	Enculturation is necessary and often occurs without influence
Acculturation leads to modification of culture or some amalgam.	There is no such modification
Acculturation begins when two cultures meet.	There is no need for the meet of two cultures for enculturation.
Acculturation for longer period of time leads to assimilation. (Assimilation is when one completely gives up own culture and follows the new one.)	There is no such risk of assimilation.

Acculturation usually doesn't provide the acceptance and distinct identity.	An individual is fully accepted in enculturation process
Acculturation is basically done with a motive.	The foundation for enculturation is positive reinforcement
<b>Acculturation</b> is not the first but second or third familiarization to various cultures	<b>Enculturation</b> is the very first familiarization process to a particular culture and begins right after the birth.
Acculturation is necessary for the better adaptation in foreign surrounding.	Enculturation teaches an individual of his/her position, roles, expectations and behaviors of the particular culture in which he/she lives in.
Acculturation is common among those who are far from their native land, among the refugee, migrants, etc.	Enculturation can be seen among the child trying best to follow is culture consciously or unconsciously through learning, observing, etc.
Dominant culture has the influence over the other	No any other culture's presence makes difference
Example: American (or any other) mother who just migrated to China teaching her children to use chopstick.	Example: Chinese mother teaching her child to use a chopstick.
Marriage is the other example of assimilation where the bride best adapts into her new surrounding by application of the mixture of cultural that she learnt and is learning.	A child innocently copying his parents or grandparents worshipping, the way of eating, talking, greeting, etc.