



# Culture Spotting

**Directions** Read the passage below. Circle any examples of cultural traits and underline any examples of cultural landscapes. (Remember: Cultural traits can be a people's or country's customs, beliefs, practices, or behaviors.) Then write your own passage that includes cultural traits and landscapes.

*Marilee looked out the window, past her grandmother's garden to the industrial park that had been built in the neighborhood recently. "Marilee!" her mother whispered. "It's time!" Marilee headed back to the living room to join the rest of her family, smoothing the wrinkles in her jeans and T-shirt. At that moment, her cousin dimmed the lights and everyone began singing "Happy Birthday." Marilee smiled as her grandmother blew out the 65 candles on the chocolate cake. Then Marilee went over to hug her. She knew her grandmother would love the gift she had bought: a three-CD collection of jazz favorites. Her grandmother could listen to it every time she drove down the highway to work.*

Write a one-paragraph story below. Include in your story at least four cultural traits and two examples of cultural landscapes.

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