

## **Statements**

1. Everything can be culture
2. Culture is omnipotent – it exists in everything
3. Our social identity is formed by the things we do, and because these things are influenced by culture, our social identity is influenced by culture
4. Etc

## **Culture**

What is culture:

- Material (tangible) or non-material (abstract)
- Shared and held in common by its members
- Learnt through socialization
- Taken for granted, generally unquestioned
- Symbolic, meaningful only to its members
- Varies over space/time; evolves and changes

Elements of culture:

- Beliefs and values
- Language and symbols
- Norms: folkways, mores (morals/manners) and taboos

Case study: Peranakan culture

Problems:

- Intolerance