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Child development does not take place independent of cultural context, and neither does our research. How we go about research with children can be deeply affected by our own cultural experiences, values, and traditions. This means researchers need to think very carefully how well their methods will travel. Are we measuring the same thing across different cultures? What have we assumed children value? Methods designed in one cultural context can be interpreted entirely different in a different context. This matters for the conclusions we draw about children from different cultures: differences between children might not be caused by their underlying abilities or character, but because they interpret the methods differently. When we are aware of what assumptions our research makes, we can decide if it is important to the questions we are asking, and where appropriate, take steps to make it more meaningful and sensitive to children's experiences.