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## ABSTRACT

There are children who grew up in different countries around the globe, enabling them to experience a new type of culture that differs from their parents' culture/home culture. Overtime, these children will finally have a chance to step inside the culture that identifies them. Acculturation is a process of newcomers adjusting to a new culture (Cotrell, 2006). Because of entering a new culture they are unaware of, these children tend to have struggles coping up with the situations they experience and finding a place to fit in. These people are called Third Culture Kids. Third Culture Kids (TCKs) are those who were raised outside of their home country because of their parents' decision to make a living overseas. College is another obstacle that these TCKs have to go through and likely experience a hard time in adjusting. For this study, seven (7) Filipino TCK participants were interviewed through an in-depth interview containing a series of questions to determine what their communication adjustment, barriers and styles are. The study resulted to definite struggles that these Fil-TCKs experienced when returning or setting foot into a culture that is new to them.

**Keywords:** Third Culture Kids, Communication, Culture, Filipino TCKs, Adjustment Period, Communication Barriers, Communication Styles, Communication Resolutions, Communication Accommodation Differences,