# Cross Culture Adoption

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# Vocabulary

**Through the lens of:** It is an idiom about perspective. When you look through a lens, that lens can make things look differently.

**Burdensome:** causing difficulties or work.

**Mesh:** When different things or people mesh, they suit each other or work well together.

**Precision:** the qualities of being careful and accurate.

**Well-versed:** knowing a lot about something.

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# Introduction

When a child from one cultural or ethnic group is placed with adoptive parents of another cultural or ethnic group, it is referred to as Cross-Cultural Adoption**.** It is imperative for those who plan to adopt a child or children from another country to be **well-versed** in how to help their child develop an appropriate sense of cultural and racial identity, which would help to mould an overall sense of self. Individuals who intend to adopt children from another country must be aware of the possibilities that surround raising a child of another culture. Adoptive parents must also consider the difficulties that will confront their child with regards to ethnicity and race, and necessary considerations should be made regarding how to impart coping skills and how to facilitate open discussions.

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