

Manners & Etiquette



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Quizlet



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VOCABULARY

Basic Words			Notes	Intermediate Words			Notes
1	polite			14	greet		
2	rude			15	interrupt		
3	manners			16	respectful		
4	bow			17	punctual		
5	handshake			18	personal space		
6	smile			19	eye contact		
7	apologize			20	table manners		
8	invite			21	small talk		
9	guest			22	dress code		
10	host				Advanced Words		Notes
11	gift			23	etiquette		
12	tip			24	appropriate		
13	line			25	taboo		

Interesting Etiquette

In China, finishing your food is impolite and could indicate that the host did not provide you with enough food. Do you know any other countries with interesting etiquette?



Polite, Rude, or It Depends?

Read each situation and decide.

Polite Rude It depends



1. Bring a small gift to someone's home.



2. Talk loudly on your phone on the train.



3. Arrive 20 minutes late for dinner.



4. Start eating before everyone has food.



5. Ask someone's age on the first meeting.



6. Hold the door for the next person.



Discussion



- What is considered rude in Japan?
- Have you ever made a cultural mistake?
- Are manners changing these days?

HOMEWORK

A Foreign Friend is Visiting

Give them some advice on things they should or shouldn't do.



Useful phrases

- You should...
- You shouldn't...
- It's polite to...
- It's rude to...
- In Japan, people usually...
- For example,...



Ideas

- 1 take off your shoes
- 2 don't talk loudly on the train
- 3 be on time
- 4 don't point at people
- 5 say "itadakimasu" before eating

家でやろう。
Please do it at home.



海でやろう。
Please do it at the beach.



家でやろう。
Please do it at home.



1. What does "RSVP" ask you to do?
a) Bring a present b) Reply to the invitation c) Arrive early
2. What does the expression "faux pas" mean?
a) Formal greeting b) Social mistake c) Dress code
3. In a formal Western table setting, which fork do you usually use first?
a) The one closest to the plate b) The smallest
c) The one farthest from the plate d) Any
4. If an invitation says "plus-one" what does it mean?
a) Arrive one hour early b) Bring one extra guest
c) Bring an extra gift d) Stay one extra hour
5. In Thailand, it is rude to touch what part of a person?
a) Head b) Hands c) Elbow d) Knee



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