

Social Etiquette around the World

Vocabulary

1 ★ Fill in:...

blow

point

kiss

greet

burp

purse

nod

shake

- 1 In Europe when relatives meet they give each other a on the cheek. ...
- 2 In most countries it is impolite to your nose during meals. ...
- 3 In the Philippines guests loudly after a meal to show they've enjoyed it. ...
- 4 Russian people never hands before they take off their gloves. ...
- 5 It's rude to at a person with your finger. ...
- 6 In many countries people their lips and shake their heads to show disapproval. ...
- 7 You can your head or move it up and down, in most countries to show you agree. ...
- 8 In Canada, the Inuits each other, by rubbing noses instead of shaking hands. ...

2 ★ Choose the correct word. ...

- 1 Respect **country/social** rules when you greet people abroad. ...
- 2 Please sit and **do/make** yourself comfortable. ...
- 3 Don't use your **index/thumb** finger to point at people. ...
- 4 People in the Philippines move their eyes to **show/point** direction. ...
- 5 In Canada, maintain direct eye **contact/communication** when talking to another person. ...
- 6 In the USA greet people with a **firm/stiff** handshake. ...
- 7 In most countries when people clench their fists it is a **sign/mark** of anger. ...
- 8 In Asian countries guests feel **obliged/forced** to remove their shoes before entering a home. ...

Reading

4 ★ Read the text and mark the sentences (1-6) T (true) or F (false). ...

- 1 English people wait for their host to finish serving before they start their meal. ☐ T ☐ F ...
- 2 In England, it is acceptable to eat from someone else's dish. ☐ T ☐ F ...
- 3 French people use knives to cut their bread. ☐ T ☐ F ...
- 4 In France, waiters take your plate when they see your fork and knife on it. ☐ T ☐ F ...
- 5 People in Saudi Arabia sit on a chair to have a meal. ☐ T ☐ F ...
- 6 The Saudi Arabians talk a lot during mealtime. ☐ T ☐ F ...

From Table to Table

Just like food is different from country to country so are table manners. Before you travel to another country there are a few things you should know about mealtimes around the world.



At a table in England, it's rude to lick your fingers or your knife. You need to be careful when eating soup. Don't slurp or make noise while eating it. It is also impolite to start eating before your host has served everyone at the table. Try not to put your arms on the table and, finally, don't take food from your neighbour's plate.

In France it is important to always say 'please' and 'thank you' to people serving at the table. When eating bread, break off a piece with your fingers rather than use a knife. When you are at a restaurant and haven't finished your food make sure you don't leave your fork and knife on your plate as this is a signal for the waiter to take your plate.

For most meals in Saudi Arabia people sit on the floor or at a low table with cushions. Remember to cross your legs when you sit. Eat only with your right hand because most Saudi Arabians think the left hand is not clean. It is polite to try all of the food that the host serves. Saudi Arabians usually don't say much when they eat as they really want to enjoy the food. Finally, it is okay to burp after a meal, as it tells the host that you liked the food.