

WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?

While it is true that mobile devices are convenient and help us stay better connected, our social skills seem to be getting worse and worse. According to a recent survey, the majority of people **1** _____ that smartphones, laptops, tablets and social media have made us ruder.

People texting in public places or shouting into their phones on public transport are a common **2** _____. Very often we pay more attention to our Facebook account than the person sitting in front of us. This obsession with digital devices and the need to stay online all the time make people start phone conversations while watching a film at the cinema or forget **3** _____ off their mobile in the theatre, at school or even in church.

Many institutions are trying to bring good old etiquette back. Shops across the UK are putting up signs informing customers that they won't be served while talking **4** _____ the phone. Banks and post offices forbid the use of mobile phones too. There are also numerous online campaigns that make people aware of the basic rules of polite behaviour. All of them come down to a simple fact: use your common sense and **5** _____ you think it will be rude, don't do it.

1 a thinks

b has thought

c is thinking

2 a view

b picture

c sight

3 a to switch

b switching

c about switching

4 a by

b through

c on

5 a unless

b if

c provided