

Choose the correct meaning of social etiquette and write it down

# What is social etiquette?

Is it customs or  
beliefs which have  
existed for a long  
time?



Is it customs and  
rules for polite  
behavior?

## Read new words

custom	обычай
behaviour	поведение
exist	существовать
politeness	вежливость
respect	уважение
be reserved	быть сдержанным
handshake	рукопожатие
kiss smb on the cheek	поцеловать в щеку
give smb a hug	обнять
affectionate	любящий
be offended	быть оскорблённым
privacy	удединение
marital status	семейное положение
acceptable	приемлемый
host	хозяин
avoid	избегать

## Match the words to their definitions

1. have a good opinion of their character or ideas - think highly of
2. kiss smb on the side of their face - cheek kiss
3. put your arms around them and hold them tightly - hug
4. showing love or fondness for smb - affectionate
5. upset because of smth smb has or has not done - upset
6. the state of being married or not - status
7. good enough, appropriate - suitable
8. people who have guests - host

### *respect*

### *kiss on the cheek*

*hosts*

### *affectionate*

*give a hug*

### *marital status*

### *acceptable*

### *offended*

## Complete the sentences with the missing words

1. You mustn't be rude to your teachers. You should \_\_\_\_\_ them.
2. Lucy gave her parents a \_\_\_\_\_ and then went to bed.
3. Being impolite to others is not \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour.
4. Apart from the \_\_\_\_\_, he didn't know anyone at the party.
5. She kissed her daughter on the \_\_\_\_\_ before she left for work.

hosts

cheek

hug

acceptable

respect



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# Social Etiquette in the UK

The British are famous for their language, sense of humour and, of course, politeness. So, when you are in the UK, make sure you **respect** the social etiquette in the following situations:

British people are quite reserved when greeting one another. A handshake is the most common form of greeting when you meet someone for the first time. It is only when you greet close friends or relatives that you would **kiss them on the cheek** or **give them a hug**. The British may also call you by many different 'affectionate' names, such as dear, chuck, mate, guv, son or madam. Do not be **offended**, this is quite normal.

The British like their privacy, so not all topics are safe for **small talk**. Avoid asking people about their

age, religion, politics, **marital status**, weight or how much they earn. Instead, **acceptable** small talk topics are family, films, television, sport, studies, food, hobbies and of course, the weather!

When you visit people at home, make sure you are on time. It's also nice to take a gift for your **hosts**, such as a bottle of wine, a bunch of flowers or a box of chocolates. A British person might say 'come and see me soon' or 'drop in anytime'. However, you must always phone before you visit someone.



## Answer the questions

- 1. How do the British greet someone for the first time?**
- 2. How do they greet friends and relatives?**
- 3. What can you talk about with a British person?**
- 4. What should you do when you visit a British person?**