What is the correct response to each of the statements? Pay attention to the boldfaced words and phrases. Match each statement with a response from the list below. Each response can be used more than once.

Statements

a 1. I gave my seat to a woman with three small children yesterday. It felt like the **polite** thing to do.

____ 2. My newspaper blew out of my hands when the train came. I didn't want to **litter,** but I couldn't pick the paper up off the tracks.

____ 3. I did not have a MetroCard, and I didn't have time to **wait my turn** at the MetroCard machine, so I just jumped over the turnstile.

____ 4. I know that it is **impolite** to talk on a phone on the bus. But I just found out that my father was in the hospital.

____ 5. Where I come from, it's polite to say hello to other people on a long bus ride. So I **greeted** everyone when I got on the bus to Chicago.

____ 6. I felt bad that I didn't **tip** the taxi driver. But my wallet was stolen earlier today, and I only had enough money for the taxi ride.

____ 7. I **stood in line** to wait for the train in London since that was what everyone else seemed to be doing.

Responses

a. Good, you **followed the rules.** That was the right thing to do.

b. You **broke the rules.** You shouldn't do that.

c. What you did is **against the rules** of etiquette in the United States. These are unwritten rules, but they are still rules that you should learn.

d. Well, that's an **exception to the rule.** In unusual situations it is OK not to follow the rules.

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