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1. **Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Compare with a partner.**
   a) British people *are very polite/drink tea at four o'clock.*
   b) American people.....
   c) Chinese people.....
   d) Italian people.....
   e) Russian people.....

2. **Talk about what people usually do/don't do in the following situations in your country.**



3. **Watch four short videos and decide if the statements below are true or false.**

VIDEO 1 VIDEO 3

VIDEO 2 VIDEO 4

   a) In China, it's polite to leave some food on your plate.
   b) Most French people take good care of their cars.
   c) If you go to a wedding in Malta, you should give the bride and groom a gift.
   d) In Japan, it's not unusual to fall asleep on someone while on public transport.

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4. **Discuss the questions.**
   - Have you been to any of the countries mentioned in ex. 3? If yes, do you think that the 'true' statements above are true?
   - Which of the statements are true in your country?
   - What other interesting cultural and social rules from different countries do you know?

5. **Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.**
   a) If you go to someone's house, you should always **take off/to take off** your shoes.
   b) It's polite **kiss/to kiss** on both cheeks when you greet someone.
   c) Most people **eat/to eat** dinner late in the evening.
   d) People tend **give/to give** out sweets and cakes on their birthday.
   e) It is not respectful **make/to make** direct eye contact with someone.
   f) You should **use/to use** a special form of 'you' when you talk to someone older.

6. **Find two correct sentences. Correct the others.**
   a) You should never to blow your nose in public.
   b) It's not unusual to see people kissing in public.
   c) If you travel in a taxi, you to pay a tip.
   d) Most people to shake hands when they meet.
   e) People tend to wait in queues.
   f) It's very impolite not take a gift when you visit someone.

7. **Discuss whether the sentences in ex. 5 and 6 are true in your culture/country.**

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8. Look at the photos and discuss the social norms in your culture and other cultures you have experience of. Use the 'Useful Language'.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

If you…, you always…
It's polite/impolite to…
It is not respectful to…
Most people…
You should/shouldn't…
People tend to…








9. Complete the lesson title.

When in Rome,…

a) *walk like a Roman soldier.*
b) *visit the pope.*
c) *do as the Romans do.*

10. Discuss the questions.

- What do you think the phrase in ex. 9 means?
- Do you agree? Why (not)?

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11. Write a blog post giving advice on social norms for visitors to your country.

- Create an interesting title to get the readers' attention.
- Write a short introduction. Make it funny or interesting. Ask the readers a question to keep their attention.
- Tell the readers what they will learn.
- Write the main paragraphs. Make them simple, fun, interesting and useful.
- End with a conclusion. What are your opinions on this topic?

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