

TEACHING GOOD MANNERS

Today in Britain there is disagreement over how children (0) ... *should..* be taught to be polite. Should parents force their children to (1) "please" and "thank you", for instance? Or are there alternative methods they could use? Most parents still (2) that teaching good manners to their children is essential. However, it does seem ironic that the methods (3) often include bullying, pleading and threats.

On the (4) hand, there are some schools which have a completely different attitude. Their philosophy is (5) on the idea that a small child will copy adults. In other (6) adults

should set a good (7) and the children will follow. In addition, adults should (8) more tolerant. Children should not be expected, for instance, to sit perfectly still (9) they are waiting for food in a restaurant.

The good manners of Britain today date (10) to the last century when children were considered to be animals (11) needed to be trained before they could be accepted into adult society. Yet in countries (12) as Brazil, children can be seen everywhere with adults and their behaviour is nothing to be ashamed (13) So, perhaps if children in Britain (14) allowed to be seen more in public, they would be (15) better behaved.

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