

11c Being polite in other countries

Reading customs in other countries

When traveling, if you visit someone's home, it's important to be polite, so you need to know about their customs.

If you meet someone in Greece, you shake hands with both adults and children. And if you go to someone's house, you can take flowers or a small gift. But don't wear shoes in the house. Another special thing about Greece is that Greeks love dancing. You can be in a restaurant and people start dancing. You should join in, so don't eat too much before you start dancing!

Like Greece, in South Korea mealtimes are also important. Wait for the oldest person at the table to eat first. And don't cross your chopsticks. When you meet people you can shake hands. You can also bow. This is the traditional greeting. You can give flowers or a small gift. South Koreans enjoy socializing. They are happy to talk about most topics, especially about sports.

1 Which two countries did you read about?



2 Read and check *Do* or *Don't* for the two countries.

DO **DON'T**

First country

- 1 Shake hands when you meet people. _____
- 2 Take flowers to someone's house. _____
- 3 Wear your shoes in someone's house. _____
- 4 Join in the dancing. _____

Second country

- 5 Eat before the oldest person at the table. _____
- 6 Cross your chopsticks. _____
- 7 Shake hands or bow when you meet someone. _____
- 8 Take flowers to someone's house. _____

Grammar everywhere, somewhere, nowhere, anywhere

3 Complete the sentences with *where*, *thing*, or *body*.

- 1 Are you doing any _____ interesting this weekend?
- 2 I put my passport some _____, but I can't find it now.
- 3 There's some _____ at the door. I don't who it is.
- 4 Let's go shopping. There's no _____ to eat in the fridge.
- 5 Every _____ is here so let's have dinner.
- 6 Are you going any _____ nice for your vacation this year?
- 7 I'm so bored! Suggest some _____ to do.
- 8 I invited some friends for dinner but no _____ could come.

4 Choose the correct option to complete these sentences.

- 1 I don't know *anybody* / *somebody* in the room. Who are they?
- 2 I'd like *everything* / *something* to drink.
- 3 There's *everywhere* / *nowhere* like home.
- 4 *Everything* / *Something* on the menu looks delicious! I want to eat it all!
- 5 Let's go to a nightclub because *anybody* / *everybody* likes dancing.