

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.