

5 REACTIONS TO RUDE BEHAVIOR

Before you watch

A Select the behaviors that you think are impolite.

- ☐ asking someone for help with homework or a task
- ☐ interrupting someone
- ☐ leaning in closely to talk to someone
- ☐ making small talk with a stranger
- ☐ sitting next to someone when empty seats are available
- ☐ talking loudly on a cell phone in public
- ☐ telling people exactly what's on your mind
- ☐ telling someone if they are bothering you
- ☐ telling someone they are being rude
- ☐ videotaping someone and not telling them

B Pair work Compare your responses. Do you agree on which behaviors you think are impolite? Why or why not? Discuss your answers.

While you watch

A Who says each sentence? Choose the correct answers.



John



Jill



Ethan



Andrea

	John	Jill	Ethan	Andrea
1. "I mean, it's unusual to sit so close to someone in an empty room, right?"	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. "... but I never like to be offensive, you know?"	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. "Then he got a phone call and explained to his mom that he had been to the doctor..."	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. "He warned me that it might be contagious."	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. "... you know, it's customary to take calls outside the library, right?"	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. "I think it's a good idea to say exactly what's on your mind."	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. "Is something wrong with you?"	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. "Why should a rude person get to ruin my day?"	☐	☐	☐	☐

B Write the letter of the correct phrase to complete each response.

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| a. it is bad form | d. it is better to leave than say something |
| b. it was kind of strange | e. he is planning on sitting there |
| c. he is invading her personal space | f. he is trying to study |

1. What does Jill say about where John sat down? She claims ____.
2. How does Jill say she usually handles an uncomfortable situation? She explains that ____.
3. What does Ethan say about sitting right next to somebody? He says ____.
4. What does Ethan say when John is on the phone? He tells John ____.
5. What does Andrea say to John when he sits down? She asks if ____.
6. What does Andrea say when John is too close? She warns him that ____.

C Write *T* (true) or *F* (false). Then correct the false statements with a partner.

- ____ 1. The narrator is interviewing people to find out who was rude to John.
- ____ 2. Jill likes to confront people who are rude.
- ____ 3. Jill usually leaves uncomfortable situations.
- ____ 4. Ethan disapproves of John's loud personal phone call in the library.
- ____ 5. John apologizes to Ethan when he asks him to be quiet.
- ____ 6. Andrea can't believe it when John asks for help with his history homework.
- ____ 7. In the end, Andrea decides John isn't rude.

After you watch

A Pair work Which person in the video are you most like: Jill, Ethan, or Andrea? How would you react in each situation? Discuss your ideas.



Jill



Ethan



Andrea

1. Someone sits next to you when empty chairs are available.
2. Someone talks loudly on a cell phone in a quiet place.
3. Someone invades your personal space.

B Group work What other rude behaviors really bother you? Make a list of the top three annoying behaviors for your group. Then compare your list with the class. What rude behaviors are listed most often?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

C Pair work What would you do in each situation you listed in part B? Discuss possible reactions. Then share your ideas with the class.