

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE IN THE UK



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WHAT IS SOCIAL ETIQUETTE?

- Is it customs & rules for polite behavior?
- or
- Is it customs or beliefs which have existed for a long time?



LISTEN AND REPEAT, THEN USE IN THE SENTENCES OF YOUR OWN:

to be famous for

to make sure

to respect

to greet one another

a handshake

to kiss on the cheek

to give somebody a hug

affectionate names

to be offended

privacy

small talk

marital status

acceptable topics

to take a gift for hosts

AFFECTIONATE NAMES

dear

chuck

mate

guy

son

madam (ma-am)

UNDESIRABLE TOPICS FOR SMALL TALK

age

religion

politics

weight

marital status

how much people earn

возраст

ACCEPTABLE TOPICS FOR SMALL TALK

family

cinema

food

sport

hobbies

TV

weather

семья

British people are quite reserved when greeting one another. A handshake is the most common form of greeting when you meet someone for the first time.



It is only when you greet close friends or relatives that you would kiss them on the cheek or give them a hug.



The British may also call you by many different 'affectionate' names, such as dear, chuck, mate, guv, son or madam. Do not be offended, this is quite normal.

The text 'My Dear' is written in a black, cursive script on a white rectangular background. The 'M' is large and stylized, with a long tail that loops under the 'y'. The 'D' is also large and has a thick, rounded shape. The 'e' and 'a' are smaller and more delicate, while the 'r' is a simple, slightly curved line. The overall style is reminiscent of a handwritten letter or a calligraphic signature.

The British like their privacy, so not all topics are safe for small talk. Avoid asking people about their age, religion, politics, marital status, weight or how much they earn.



Instead, acceptable small talk topics are family, films, television, sport, studies, food, hobbies and of course, the weather!



When you visit people at home, make sure you are on time. It's also nice to take a gift for your hosts, such as a bottle of wine, a bunch of flowers or a box of chocolates.



A British person might say ‘come and see me soon’ or ‘drop in anytime’. However, you must always phone before you visit someone.



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE TEXT

1. What are the British famous for?
2. What should you respect when you are in the UK?
3. Are British people reserved when they are greeting each other?
4. What is the most common greeting when they meet someone for the first time?
5. How do they greet close friends and relatives?
6. What are safe topics for the small talk?
7. What topics should you avoid?
8. What are the rule for visiting people in Britain?