# **Make Small Talk**



Read the tips on business etiquette. Then read the situations below. Decide if the behavior in each situation is appropriate or inappropriate.

### TIPS ON BUSINESS ETIQUETTE

- Always introduce the most important person first.
- Use your business card as a way to stay in touch with people you meet. Exchanging and saving business cards can help you "network" with people later.
- Being on time is absolutely necessary for business appointments. The rule is to arrive ten to fifteen minutes early. However, for social events, such as business parties, it is considered impolite to arrive early.



- In major cities, business clothing is usually formal. Blue, black, or gray suits are conservative and always appropriate. In warm climates, neat and comfortable khakis, jeans, or slacks, sometimes with a jacket, are OK. However, the first time you visit a company, it is always best to start with a conservative look.
- Business conversations often take place during meals. The meals are a time to relax, get to know the other person socially, and then talk a little business. Depending on the person's schedule, these meetings can be at breakfast, lunch, or dinner.
- Eye contact is very important. Always look at everyone in your conversation group. Move your eyes from one person to another. It makes people feel important and holds their attention.

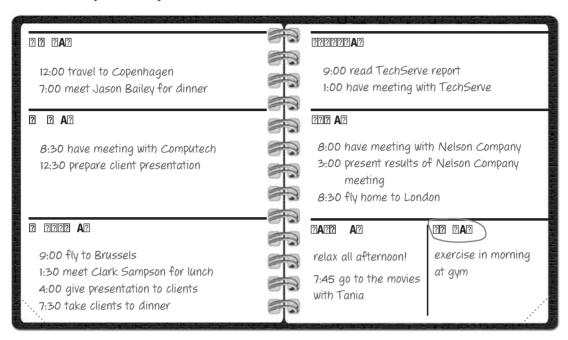
1.	While you're meeting with a client, the CEO of your company and two executives come into your office. You introduce the CEO to your client first.	☐ appropriate	☐ inappropriate
2.	You are meeting with a group of four people. While speaking, you're looking only at the highest level manager in the group.	□ appropriate	☐ inappropriate
3.	You have an interview at a new company on Friday. You know the company allows employees to dress casually on Fridays, so you decide to wear casual clothing.	☐appropriate	☐ inappropriate
4.	You don't have time during regular business hours to meet with a client. You decide to meet over dinner.	□ appropriate	☐ inappropriate
5.	You're invited to a business party and the invitation says the party is from 7:00 to 9:00 $\boxtimes$ . You arrive at 6:45.	□appropriate	☐ inappropriate

<ul> <li>2. What is the custom here?</li> <li>3. How would you like to be called?</li> <li>4. Are most people on a first-name basis?</li> <li>b. Please call me by my nickname.</li> <li>c. Nice to meet you, too.</li> <li>d. No need to be so formal. Please call me by my nickname.</li> </ul>	?	Match the correct response to each statement of	r qu	lestion. Write the letter on the line.
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1. You think your friend g	ot a good grade o	on her so	ience tes	st.			
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2. You see two people tal	king, but you dor	ı't think	that they	know ea	ach othe	er.	
"They <u>don't know</u>	each other,	d	o they	?"			
3. You're talking to your f	riend. You think h	e'll be la	ate to the	party to	night.		
"You	late to the pa	arty toni	ght,			_?"	
4. When you get to class,	you think your fri	iend Dia	ne hasn't	t gotten t	here ye	t.	
"Diane	here yet, _			?"			
5. You heard that your frie	end Bill was in a c	ar accid	ent yeste	rday, but	you do	n't think that	's true.
"Bill	in a car accide	ent yeste	erday,			?"	
6. You think that Dr. Jenki	ns doesn't like to	be calle	d by her t	first nam	e.		
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3. a person's work or stud							_
4. someone's marital statu	IS						



2 Look at Ken Klein's weekly planner. Then circle the letter of the answer that completes each sentence. Today is Sunday.



1.	By 5:00 ⊠⊠ . on Monday, Ken a. had already traveled b	, ,
2.	On Tuesday, Ken Clark : a. had already met b	mpson for lunch. hadn't yet met
3.	On Wednesday evening, Kena. hadn't yet flown b	to Brussels. had already flown
4.	Ken the results of the N a. hadn't yet presented b	son Company meeting at 2:00 on Friday had already presented
5.	Ken all week before he a. had worked before he	as able to relax on Saturday. hadn't worked

22 Look at Ken Klein's weekly planner again. Complete the statements using the past perfect and already or not yet.

Ί.	By the time he flew to Brussels, Ken <u>had already had</u> the meeting with Computech, but I
	<u>hadn't yet had</u> the meeting with TechServe.
2.	At 7:00 ${\tt MM}$ . on Wednesday, he the presentation to the clients, but he
	the clients to dinner.
3.	Ken the TechServe report when he had the meeting with TechServe.
4.	Ken the meeting with Nelson Company when he had the meeting with TechServe.
5.	By Saturday evening, Ken at the gym.
6.	At 8:00 on Saturday, Ken to the movies with Tania.

- Read the Conversation Model on page 7 in the Student's Book again. Then read each sentence below. Circle the letter of the sentence that has the same or similar meaning.
  - 1. "By 9:00 I had already bought my books."
    - a. I bought my books before 9:00.
    - b. I bought my books at 9:00.
  - 2. "What did you do about lunch?"
    - a. Did you have lunch?
    - **b.** Do you want lunch?

- 3. "When I got to class, I hadn't eaten yet."
  - a. I got to class after I ate.
  - **b.** I got to class before I ate.
- 4. "I'll bet you're pretty hungry."
  - a. I think you're hungry now.
  - **b.** I'm sure you're hungry now.

??	WHAT ABOU	ΓYOU?	Complete	the sentence	es in y	your <u>o</u>	<u>wn</u>	way
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1.	When I left the house this morning, I had already
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۷.	At 8:00 today, I hadn't yet
3.	By the time I started to study English, I had already



## **Cross out the word or phrase that has a different meaning from the others.**

but I hadn't yet \_\_\_\_\_

1.	offensive	very rude	<del>polite</del>
2.	customary	not allowed	taboo
3.	impolite	nice	rude
4.	not usual	traditional	customary
<b>5</b> .	etiquette	punctuality	manners

#### Did you know . . .

that etiquette and rules for behavior have a very long history? The first instructions for etiquette were written in the year 2400 B.C.E by an Egyptian named Ptahhotep. His guide included advice about how to get along with others and how to advance in the world.



Read the article about punctuality. Then read the statements on page 6 and check <u>true</u>, <u>false</u>, or no information, according to the article.

#### **RIGHT ON TIME**

Everyone knows that different cultures have different ideas about punctuality. But one country—Ecuador—is trying something new.

A group called Citizens' Participation has found that being late costs the country about \$724 million each year. They report that more than half of all public events, as well as many government appointments and social activities, begin late. The group is trying to make people aware of punctuality and is reminding them to be on time. The government, including the Ecuadorian president, is supporting the effort.

Hundreds of Ecuadorian organizations and companies have signed agreements to be on time. Posters have been

put up that remind people: "If you're late, someone else is waiting." One newspaper prints a list of government officials who arrive to events late.

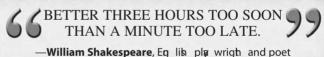
The campaign has generally been well-received by the Ecuadorian people, and it seems to be working. Many businesses have reported that more meetings are now beginning on time.

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	ry of Ecuador made more money because re often late.			
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3. The gover	nment of Ecuador wants people to be on time.			
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	y is more important now in Ecuador than in r countries.			
6. Ecuadoria	ns are on time less often than they used to be.			

**WHAT ABOUT YOU?** How important is punctuality to you for each of the following events? Explain your answers.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Why?
work or school				
dinner at a friend's house				
a meeting with a co-worker				
a doctor's appointment				
a movie				





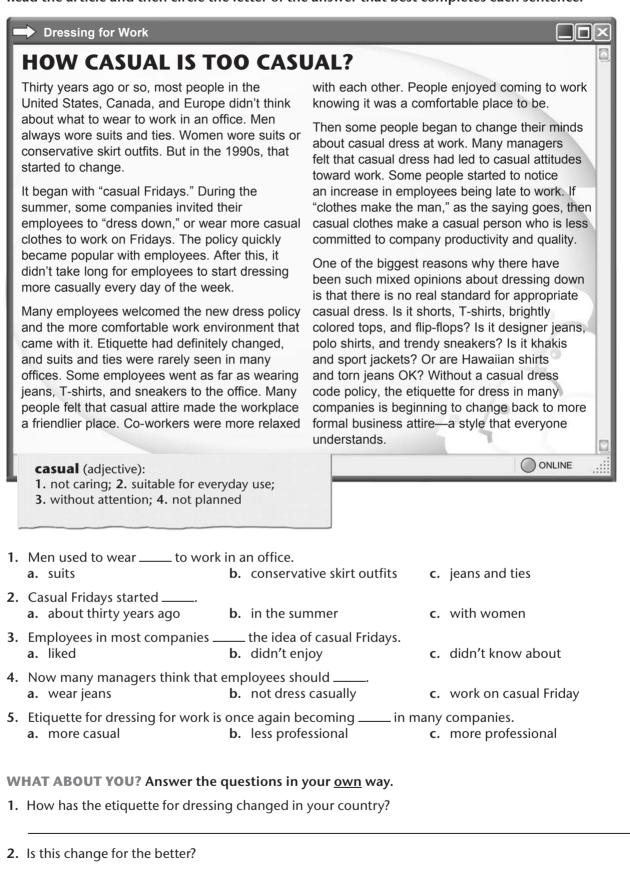
LESSON 4



Read the article *Global Culture* on page 10 in the Student's Book again. Check each behavior that would be considered unacceptable in the 1940s according to Eugenia Hartley. Then write the proper behavior next to it.

- 1.  $\square$  You don't join your family for dinner hour.
- **2.**  $\square$  Children talk at the dinner table whenever they want.
- 3.  $\square$  People put their elbows on the table.
- **4.**  $\square$  Children speak only when an adult speaks to them.
- **5.**  $\square$  A girl stays out on a date past midnight.
- **6.**  $\square$  Parents meet a daughter's date before they go out.
- **7.**  $\square$  Children call adults by their first names.

Read the article and then circle the letter of the answer that best completes each sentence.



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Read about Naomi's problem and give her advice about the etiquette and cultural changes in your country. Use ideas from the box or your own ideas.



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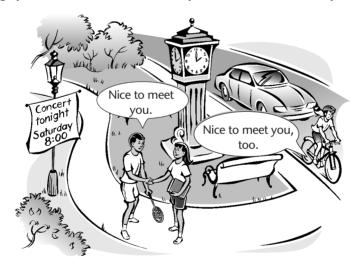
"I've been out of the country for over fifteen years. Now I'm back, but so much has changed. I don't know what to do. Can you tell me about the changes in etiquette and culture?"

clothing customs
dating customs
forms of address
male/female roles in the home
male/female roles in the workplace
rules about formal behavior
rules about punctuality
table manners

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### GR22 2 R BOOSTER

A Complete the tag questions. Then look at the picture. Answer each question with a short answer.



1. It's a beautiful day to	oday, <u>isn't it</u> ?	Yes, it is.		
2. It's not 2:30 yet, <u>is</u>	•	No, it isn's	t.	
	de a bike,?			
3	can't see the car,	?		
<ol><li>Yesterday was Sunda</li></ol>				
•	met before today,	?		
7. They're not cold,	•			
8 The man plays tenni				

1.	It <u>sounds</u>	(sound) like the	ney had a great vacation.	
			class every Tuesday at 5:30.	
			(make) them sandwiches.	
4.	Dr. Angle always		_ (tell) her patients to exercise more.	
5.	Our boss	(go) to	Cairo next Monday.	
6.	What	you	(do) tomorrow evening?	
7.	The bus	(leave) a	at 3:00 on the weekends.	
8.	I	(hake) a cake fo	or Emma's party tomorrow	
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- - 1. Sheila was studying in London when she was meeting her boyfriend.
  - 2. My family was going to Cairo last summer. It was a great trip!
  - 3. They have know her since 2013.
  - 4. He didn't used to work there, but now he does.
  - 5. I watched a movie when he called, but I didn't mind the interruption.
  - **6.** I already seen that movie.
  - 7. We have been traveling to Mexico three times.

#### **WRITING BOOSTER**

- A Match the emoticon and abbreviation with the phrase that has the same meaning. Write the letter on the line.
  1. \_\_b\_\_ ⊕
  a. "Let me know."
  b. "I'm smiling."
  - LOL
     "I'm smiling."
     "I'm not happy."
     "I'm not happy."
     "Laughing out loud"
     GR8 2 C U
     "By the way"
     "In my humble opinion"
     LMK
     "See you later."
     "Great to see you."
- B Complete the chart. Write the letter of the things you should do and the things you shouldn't do in formal e-mail etiquette.

i. "Are you okay?"

- a. Use a title, last name, and colon to address someone you don't know well.
- **b.** Write in complete sentences.
- **c.** Use correct spelling.
- d. Use emoticons.

**9**. \_\_\_\_\_ R U OK?

- e. Use all lower-case letters.
- f. Punctuate carefully.
- g. Date the e-mail.
- h. End with your name.
- i. Close the e-mail as a formal letter, for example, *Thank you so much*.
- i. Include abbreviations.
- k. Use a first name and comma to address someone you know well.

Do's: <u>a</u>
Don'ts: <u>d</u>

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Maria, Thanks 4 lunch yesterday. it was GR8 2 C U. let's continue our conversation about the project. maybe Wednesday next week? My place? There's still lots 2 discus. 

BTW, please don't forget to bring the info we talked about.

LMK about next week. C U L8R.

Peter