

Ukraine: Culture Clips

1 Social Etiquette in Ukraine

1 Suggested Answer Key

Social etiquette is very important for me because I want to make sure that I don't hurt or offend others by accident. The social etiquette rules that I never break are those that have to do with respecting others. For example, I always give up my seat on the bus for an older person and I always say 'please' and 'thank you' in shops, restaurants and so on. The only rules I am a bit more relaxed about are those related to dinner table etiquette. When I'm at home, I sometimes use my hands to eat things like chips and I don't always wait for everyone to sit down before I start eating.

2 Suggested Answer Key

The picture of the two young men shaking hands has to do with what you should do when we meet others, which is what the section is about. The bouquet in the picture probably has to do with what kind or how many flowers we should offer someone when we visit their house. The picture of the couple making their way along a row of seats may relate to the 'out and about' section' in that it shows something we should or shouldn't do in a public situation.

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| 1 shake hands | 4 young child |
| 2 friend or a close acquaintance | 5 over the threshold |
| 3 their shoes | 6 ill or disabled |

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| 1 Whistling | 3 etiquette | 5 slippers |
| 2 appreciate | 4 threshold | 6 odd |

Suggested Answer Key

- 1 **Hugging** someone is only acceptable if they are a friend or a close acquaintance.
- 2 People in Ukraine **perceive** the world in just as other people in Europe do.
- 3 Every nation has a **peculiarity** or two that set it apart from other nations.
- 4 When you go past people sitting in the same **row** as you at the cinema, make sure your back isn't turned towards them.
- 5 **Bouquets** offered as gifts must have an odd number of flowers.
- 6 It is good manners to offer your seat on the bus or the train to a **disabled** person.

5 Suggested Answer Key

- A: You should never share a snack with those around you.
B: False. Sharing a snack you're having with others is considered good manners.
A: At the dinner table, do not start eating until your host invites you to do so.
B: True.
A: You should open your gift the moment someone gives it to you.
B: False. It is more polite to wait until later before you open your gift.
A: You should avoid offering yellow flowers.
B: True.

6 (Ss' own answers)