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Dedication

To Jonah,
who turned out
polite after all.
—PLE

To Olivia and Kristen,
for your wise and entertaining
insights about growing up.
—EHV

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A decorative border surrounds the text area. At the top, a white plate is shown with a blue spoon and a silver fork. On the left, a blue mobile phone is surrounded by yellow lightning bolts. Below the phone is a yellow gift box with a blue ribbon and polka dots, with confetti falling around it. On the right, a bar of yellow soap labeled 'SOAP' is shown with blue bubbles. At the bottom right, a computer monitor is visible. The background of the border is a reddish-orange color.

Quick Quiz

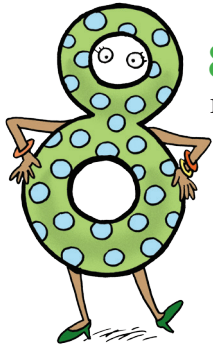
Manners are:

1. A. a secret code only snobs know
B. good behaviors anyone can learn
2. A. silly things you'll hardly ever use
B. skills you'll use for the rest of your life
3. A. signs that you only care about Y-O-U
B. signs that you care about other people *and* yourself
4. A. rules invented to make life miserable
B. rules meant to make life more pleasant
5. A. old-fashioned—no one needs them anymore
B. as important today as ever, maybe even *more* important

Answers: All Bs for B-have.

Manners: Who Cares?

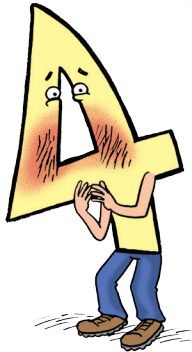
Does it seem like we live in a rude, rude world?



8 out of **10** American adults say a lack of respect and courtesy is a serious problem.



6 out of **10** say things are getting worse.



More than **4** out of **10** admit they sometimes behave pretty badly themselves.

And they're *really* concerned about the rude behavior of children.

What's the big deal about manners, anyway? So what if people sneeze on you, kick your seat during a movie, cut in front of you in line, hog dessert, or spread nasty rumors? Who cares? Well, *you* care. Because it feels bad when people are rude to you—and it feels bad when you're rude to them.

You might not think so at first, but it can sneak up on you later. Like when you remember the look on your friend's face after you dissed him. Or when you think about how you *still* haven't written your thank-you notes for your birthday last year.

When you have manners, you know how to act in all kinds of situations. You don't have to guess or wonder if you're doing something "wrong." That can build your confidence. When you're polite at home, at school, and everywhere else you go, people will notice. They'll see that you're thoughtful, great to know, and fun to be around.

Manners make life easier and nicer for everyone—and that's why manners matter.

P.S.

We are not the Manners Police. We're not here to tell you that from now on, you have to be Miss or Mister Perfect. The fact is that wet willies, armpit farts, ding-dong ditch, and other rude noises and tricks are part of being a kid. Don't stop being a kid (at least, not right away). There's a time to goof off and a time to get some, you know—manners. They really do come in handy.

If you don't read anything else in this book, read this page.

Power Words

These words are your manners vocabulary. In a world where many people grab, grunt, shove, and snarl, using these words will set you apart and make you shine.

SAY WHAT? WHEN?

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Please | When you want something |
| Thank you | When you get it |
| You're welcome | When someone thanks you |
| Excuse me* | When you burp, yawn, fart, interrupt a conversation, bump into someone, etc. |
| Yes, please | When you want something being offered to you |
| No, thank you | When you don't |
| I'm sorry | When you mess up |

*Excuse me is an all-purpose courtesy phrase. You can use it in lots of different situations. Like when you're in a hurry and need to get by someone ("Excuse me!"). Or you want to escape a boring conversation ("Excuse me."). Or you're trying to attract someone's attention ("Excuse me . . ."). Or you don't understand what someone just said ("Excuse me?"). Or you want to show how shocked you are by someone else's bad behavior, but in a polite way ("Excuse me?"). For extra points, say it in French: *Excusez-moi* (Ek-skyoo-zay-mwa). For fun, try "Ex-squeeze-me."

P.U. Words

These are words and phrases to avoid, unless you want people to think you're a clod.

Shut up
Get Lost
Big deal
So what
You suck
Whatever



Other P.U. words include swear words, often called *four-letter words*, though some have more letters than that. Go to page 80 for more on swears.

In the House



You're watching a cool show and it's right in the middle of the good part. From another room, your mom calls your name. You ignore her the first time—because *you're right in the middle of the good part*. She calls your name louder. You

turn up the volume on the remote. She calls again. In the back of your brain, you have unmannerly thoughts like "Can't she figure out I'm busy?" and "If I pretend not to hear her, maybe she'll leave me alone."

Next thing you know, she's standing in front of the TV, and she doesn't look happy.

"Mom, you're blocking the screen."

"Didn't you hear me calling you?"

"I'm watching something!" (You're not exactly lying.)

"Not anymore you're not," she replies, turning off the TV. "I asked you an hour ago to take out the trash, and it's not done. No more TV tonight."

"No fair! Thanks a lot for making me miss the best part of the show!" You stomp to the trashcan and grab the bag—too hard—and accidentally spill a bunch of garbage on the floor.

Your mom watches with her arms crossed, shakes her head, and walks away. Now you're picking up smelly garbage by yourself, and both of you feel bad.



Could a little etiquette have changed things here? Well, yes.

who knew? *Etiquette* (EH-tih-ket) is another word for *manners*. It comes from a French word meaning *ticket*. Long ago, when people visited royal palaces in France, they were given little cards (tickets) with instructions for how to behave. That's so they wouldn't do something stupid and get in trouble with the king.

