

# Manner's Quiz

- When should you RSVP (French for please respond; Repondez, Sil Vous Plaite) to a party?
  - Only if you plan to go.
  - In a timely fashion, even if you won't be attending. Holding off makes the host feel like you're waiting for a better offer to come along.
  - If the host contacts you to see if you will be coming.
- If you're at your friend's house for the first time and really want to check it out, what should you do?
  - Tell your friend and then go for it, you know you wouldn't care if your friend checked out your house.
  - Wait until no one notices and sneak off to check out the place.
  - Don't ask the host of the party for a tour of the house unless it's a housewarming. Let them offer one if they want to.
- What should you do if an invitation says no gifts?
  - Don't bring one; you might embarrass other gift-less guests.
  - Bring something small, you know that you would like something regardless.
  - Get something extra special for your friend, they were just trying to be modest.
- You are saving up for the iPad and only want cash for your birthday and Christmas gifts, you should;
  - Don't ask for cash gifts as gifts on invites. Rely on word of mouth instead.
  - Put it in clear print on your invites and tell everyone you know, and be sure EVERYONE at school gets an invite to your party.
  - Never ask for cash.
- After you've received a birthday gift it is proper to send a "Thank-You" note. How soon should you write it?
  - Within 1 week of receiving the gift. However, it's better late than never, but better never late.
  - Within a month.
  - Any time before your next birthday.
- How should you act when you have dinner guests?
  - Just like you would if there wasn't anyone visiting.
  - Like you're your family's superstar, showing off all your new tricks and talents.
  - Treat your guest with honor and respect, even giving them special treatment. When we are on our best behavior, our guests feel comfortable, special and welcomed.
- You're over at a friend's house for dinner and are served a dish you've never had or seen before. What should you do?
  - Make a face and poke it with your fork.
  - Wait until the host looks away and give it to the family dog.
  - Say something like, "Thank you, I love new foods. I've never had this before and I can't wait to try it."
- What should you do after sitting down at the table and waiting for everyone else to sit down?
  - Push the others to hurry up because you are so hungry.
  - Unfold your napkin and place it in your lap.
  - Start serving yourself and dig in.
- At dinner, when should you start eating?
  - As soon as you are served.
  - When everyone has been served.
  - When the host or parent begins to eat.
- When using your napkins, you should;
  - Blot or rub the lower half of your face.
  - Dab delicately, when not using it, keep it unfolded on your lap.
  - Flap your napkin to unfold it and don't wave it around like a flag.

11. During the meal you need to visit the restroom. What should you do?
  - a. Announce to everyone, "I have to go to the toilet!"
  - b. Say, "Excuse me for a moment, I'll be right back."
  - c. Say nothing – just leave.
  - d. Sit quietly and suffer until the meal is over.
12. If you briefly leave the table, where should you put your napkin?
  - a. Place it on the chair, and when you're done, place it on the left side of the plate.
  - b. Fold it back up just as you found it.
  - c. It doesn't matter as long as it's not in the serving dish.
13. When chewing, you should;
  - a. Chew with your mouth open, food taste better this way.
  - b. No matter how urgently you want to inject the perfect kernel of wit and wisdom at just the right moment, don't do it with food in your mouth.
  - c. Make lots of noises like gulps and burps; this lets the host know you are enjoying the food.
14. How should you eat bread?
  - a. Tear bread into bite-size pieces and butter each piece just before you eat it.
  - b. Butter the entire slice of bread or the entire roll to get it ready for occasional bites during the course of the meal.
  - c. Shove all of it in your mouth at once; it's delicious for heaven's sake.
15. What is the best speed to eat your food?
  - a. Take it easy. Gulping down food is not only unhealthy but also unattractive.
  - b. The faster the better, if you can finish quickly that means there might still be seconds left.
  - c. Snail speed, who cares if the food gets cold.
16. If you have something trapped between your teeth, what should you do?
  - a. Start picking, no one likes having that annoying food stuck in their teeth.
  - b. Don't pick at it while you are at the table. If it's really driving you nuts, excuse yourself, go to the restroom, and pick to your heart's content.
  - c. Wait till later, it's like having seconds.
17. When you are not eating, where should you keep your hands?
  - a. On your lap or resting on the table.
  - b. In your pockets.
  - c. Keep them busy; drum a little tune with your fingers.
18. When is it acceptable to put your elbows on the table?
  - a. Only between courses, contrary to popular belief, elbows on the table is acceptable between courses or after everyone has finished eating.
  - b. While you are eating
  - c. Never.
19. How should you hold your cutlery/silverware?
  - a. Like a cello or your knife like Lady Macbeth's dagger.
  - b. You should wave your cutlery triumphantly in the air to emphasize when you make really good points.
  - c. Both the spoon and fork are held horizontally by balancing them between the first knuckle of the middle finger and the tip of the index finger while the thumb steadies the handle. The knife is used with the tip of the index finger gently pressing out over the top of the blade to guide as you cut.
20. How do you choose the right silverware at a gourmet meal?
  - a. Any will do as long as it gets the food in your mouth.
  - b. From left to right.
  - c. Always work from the outside in (your appetizer utensils, like spoon soup and salad fork are on the end).

21. If there was only one cookie left and you really want it, you should;
  - a. Take it, first come, first served.
  - b. Let someone else have it.
  - c. It's okay to take the last cookie, but ask everyone around first if they want it and be sure that everyone who wanted one got one.
22. Is it good manners to read the newspaper at the table?
  - a. Only if you're willing to share the sports section.
  - b. Yes -- as long as you keep it neatly folded.
  - c. No. Reading or watching TV during dinner is a social no-no. Reading at the table is bad manners. Sometime busy mom's and dad's forget this rule. Ideally, dinner is a time for nourishment and conversation.
23. Double dipping; when eating chips with dips, is it OK to dip, take a bit, and return for more dip with the same chip?
  - a. Yes
  - b. Do the flip dip!
  - c. No, double dipping is in the same league as licking the salt off the chips and placing them back in the chip bowl. YUCK!
24. Where should you keep your purses and briefcases?
  - a. Where ever you can find room on the table.
  - b. On your lap.
  - c. Keep them off the table. And this rule goes for keys, hats, gloves, eyeglasses and eyeglass cases or anything else of this sort. In short, if it isn't part of the meal, it shouldn't be on the table.
25. What should you say if you burp?
  - a. "Thanks! That was delicious!"
  - b. "Excuse me."
  - c. Nothing – just pretend like it didn't happen
26. What do you do if somebody at the table is a sloppy eater?
  - a. Set the example and make light of the situation.
  - b. Tell them that they disgust you.
  - c. Give them dirty looks and make them feel uncomfortable.
27. What is one way to show good manners?
  - a. Tell a toilet joke.
  - b. Hold a door for someone.
  - c. Spread gossip.
28. When talking with friends and family, it's not necessary to say "Please" and "Thank You."
  - a. True.
  - b. False. Please and thank you and all good manners are a sign of respect and a way of letting friends, family and all of your loved ones know you're not taking them or their company for granted.
29. You and your folks are at the ballpark watching a ballgame and the national anthem begins to play. What do you do?
  - a. Remove your hat, stand at attention and salute the flag or place your right hand, palm open, over your heart, face the flag or music at the first note of the National Anthem and hold the salute until the last note is played.
  - b. Do nothing – any kind of "honors" will make you look like a geek.
30. When walking down the street, or up or down stairs, what should you do if someone is coming in the opposite direction?
  - a. Stop walking a just let them go by.
  - b. Always stay to the right.
  - c. Who cares, they'll get out of your way one way or another.

31. When is it appropriate to talk on your cell phone?
  - a. Everywhere, that is why they were invented.
  - b. When out in public it's rude to talk on your cell phone when the call is not significantly important, such as chatting about personal information. If you must talk on your cell phone, use a quiet voice.
  - c. Only at home, in your bedroom, when no one is around.
32. When calling someone, you should always;
  - a. State your name before requesting to speak to someone and offer to leave a message if the person requested is unavailable.
  - b. Speak loudly, sometimes connections can be bad.
  - c. Call late at night to make sure they are home.
33. When someone is on the phone and you need to talk to them you should;
  - a. Get their attention by loudly telling them whatever is on your mind. Since you are the one that can see them, you are obviously the most important.
  - b. Wait until they have finished their phone conversation. If it is urgent, you can say, "Excuse me, can I talk to you for a second?" or slip them a note on a piece of paper.
  - c. Poke them and follow them around everywhere they go so they know that you need them.
34. If someone calls you when you are really busy or getting ready to leave, you should;
  - a. Answer the phone sounding very irritated and let them know how much of an inconvenience there call is to you.
  - b. Push off whatever you were doing, they must have something very important to tell you. It doesn't matter how long the conversation might take, you should never sound like you are trying to cut them off.
  - c. Say something like, "I'm sorry, but we were just about to sit down to dinner, can I call you back after we finish?" Or just let the call go to the answering machine and get back to them when you get a chance.
35. Some other phone manners include;
  - a. Make sure a caller knows if you have placed them on speakerphone or a three-way call.
  - b. Don't forget to turn your cell phone off in performance venues and in hospitals.
  - c. Don't drive and talk or text.
  - d. All of the above.

# Manner's Quiz Answer Key

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