

Polite & Kind

A Guide to Good Manners in Japan



Warm-up

In pairs, please discuss:

- Think of a time a stranger was very kind or polite to you.
- What happened?
- How did it make you feel?

Key Vocabulary

It's customary
to...

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This is a traditional or normal way of
behaving.

Example: In Japan, it's customary to say "Itadakimasu" before
eating.

to be

considerate of...

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To think about other people's feelings
and needs.

Example: Please be considerate of your neighbors and don't
make loud noise late at night.

common

courtesy

common courtesy

The basic level of politeness that people are expected to show.

Example: Holding the door open for someone is common courtesy.

to be mindful
of...

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To be aware of something; to remember something important.

Example: When you are in a library, you should be mindful of the quiet atmosphere.

public space

public space

A place that is open and accessible to all people.

Example: Parks, train stations, and libraries are all public spaces.

Today's Main Task

The Manners Experts' Meeting

In groups of 3-4:

1. **Choose ONE** situation from the handout.
2. **Create** a "Top 5 Tips" list for good manners in that situation.
3. **Prepare** a short (1-min) role-play for **ONE** of your tips.

Let's Begin!

Activity 1: Create Your "Top 5 Tips"

(25 minutes)

Activity 2: Role-Play Time!

Preparation (15 mins)

Performance (20 mins)

When you perform:

1. Tell us your situation.
2. Read your "Top 5 Tips."
3. Perform your 1-minute role-play!

Wrap-up & Q&A

Exit Ticket

Please take a moment to give your feedback. Thank you!