

# IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. MANNERS. TRANSCRIPT

## Part 1. What Are Some Good Manners You Were Taught As A Child?

I was taught a lot of good manners as a child because my parents really emphasized good etiquette. For example don't put your elbows on the table while you're eating. I tell you an interesting one which is very picky, but make sure you have a plate of food, you eat it in a balanced way. Do not eat all of the meat then eat all of the potatoes then eat all of the carrots or whatever it is, you've got to eat it in a balanced way, that's good manners, so yeah maybe my parents were a little picky when it comes to etiquette, but it gave me some good lessons.

## Part 1. Can You Give An Example Of Bad Manners That Annoy You?

I can give you a long list of examples. Let's do a couple that annoy me. I would say definitely speaking with your mouthful because there's nothing worse than when you're eating dinner with someone and there speaking and bits of food are flying out, it's just awful. I say the other one, and this is quite specific to where I live, which I really struggle with even after 15 years is on the subway people pushing you to get off the subway. I feel it's unnecessary, but it's just part of the culture here so I do have to accept it and move on.

## Part 2. Describe A Situation Where You Saw Someone Displaying Bad Manners.

I'd like to talk about a barbecue party and an older man that I saw at this barbecue party. I went to this barbecue party and it was quite big there was maybe 20 people there. It was at my friend's house, who lives in the countryside and it was wonderful, it was absolutely fantastic. The great food, mostly great people, alcohol, music, it was a lovely time, however there was this one man who was very proud of himself and he just didn't have any courtesy when it came to conversation. He constantly interrupted people. He told these long stories and just expected everyone to listen to him. He was just impolite with conversation and being around people socializing. Let me tell you a little more about him. He was perhaps in his 60s. He was very proud of himself. I think he was, it doesn't matter, but he was in the art community so he really liked art and talking about this and I think he felt like he was kind of high society, but when it came to the decorum of being around other people and being polite, he just really lacked that and he was far too happy to loudly tell his stories and take over conversations. I don't think he was ever insulting. I don't think he is ever directly rude to people, but it was just this lack of consideration that I found very rude for me personally. I think conversation etiquette is really important and being fair to people.

## **VOCABULARY**

annoy (verb) - To make someone feel upset or bothered.

consideration (noun) - Thinking about how other people feel before doing something.

courtesy (noun) - Being polite and kind to others.

emphasise (verb) - To say something in a way that makes it stand out or seem more important.

etiquette (noun) - The correct or polite way of behaving in certain situations.

impolite (adjective) - Not being kind or respectful to others.

interrupt (verb) - To stop someone from speaking by starting to talk while they are still talking.

picky (adjective) - Being very careful or hard to please about what you want.

specific (adjective) - Referring to something in particular, not general.

struggle (verb) - To try hard to do something that is difficult or hard to do.