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The Importance of Teaching Manners to Children

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"Say thank you", "Sit up straight", "Shake hands", "Say please" … most of us have heard phrases like this as we were growing up, because our teachers were teaching us manners. Many of us do the same thing with our children. But why do we bother? What is so important about teaching manners?

For one thing, having good manners meets a social expectation – children are expected to have good manners. Another thing to consider is the role good manners plays in a child's future.

At the heart of good manners is respect for oneself and others. Good manners convey a sense of respect for the sensibilities of other people. When we say "thank you", we're taking the time to make the other person feel appreciated. Saying "please" respects a person's right not to do what you've asked (it's not so demanding with a "please" attached). Good manners also show that a child listens and does what he/she is taught – these are good character traits that teachers and other authority figures appreciate.

Simply put, a child will be more successful in life in general if he/she has good manners. Good manners set a standard of behavior against which other behavior can be measured, which helps keep order and civility in society.



Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.
Confucius

Manners

Match the question with the correct response

1. What should you say if you walk in front of someone?

2. Letting someone use something you are using is called?

3. When you ask for something you say?

4. When you receive something you say?

5. When you receive a gift you send a what?

6. If your parents ask you to do something, you show them what?

7. If you make someone else upset or sad, you say?

8. If someone is having a bad day and you see them upset, you ask?

9. When you meet someone you say?

Are You Ok?

I'm Sorry!

Respect

Nice to Meet You!

Thank You!

Please!

Thank You Card

Sharing!

Excuse Me!

Guidelines for Manners to Teach Children



In General

Say “Hello” and “Good-bye”.
Say “Please” and “Thank you”.
Hold the door open for others.
If you bump into someone, say you are sorry.
Cover your mouth when you sneeze.
Sit properly.
Be grateful.
Clean up after you make a mess.
Look people in the eye.
Use respect when talking to adults.
Don’t interrupt.
Say “Excuse me” to get attention.
Wait your turn.
Don’t make fun of anyone.
Give compliments.
Use kind words.



At the Dinner Table

Wash your hands before you eat.
Place your napkin on your lap.
Chew with your mouth closed.
Try not to slurp your drink.
Wipe your mouth with your napkin.
Lean over your plate.
Use the right utensils. (knife, fork, spoon)
Learn to set the table properly.
Say “Please” and “Thank You.”



“Please” and “Thank You” are still magic words.