



40 Common Courtesies Parents can Practice with their Children

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The Basics

1. How to introduce oneself
2. How to greet, shake hands, bow
3. How to express gratitude
4. How to apologize/excuse oneself
5. How to cough, sneeze, blow nose and yawn
6. How to receive visitors
7. How to embrace/caress - when, whom, where

Giving & Taking

8. How to ask for something
9. How to refuse something
10. How to borrow
11. How to offer help
12. How to pick up things for others
13. How to offer a seat

Speaking

14. How to address elders
15. How to adjust volume/vocabulary for different company
16. How to draw attention before speaking
17. How to interrupt

Coming & Going

18. How to make way for others
19. How to take leave
20. How to knock on a door and wait to enter
21. How to use a doormat

The Bathroom

22. How to use and leave a toilet/bathroom
23. How to indicate that the bathroom is in use

The Table

24. How to eat
25. How to offer food
26. How to avoid noises when eating
27. How to serve others
28. How to handle cutlery
29. How to pass things
30. How to pour
31. How to ask for further helpings
32. How to refuse further helpings
33. How to set a table

Grooming

34. How to comb hair
35. How to brush teeth
36. How to remove mud from shoes
37. How to clean nails

Special Occasions

38. How to show etiquette while singing the national anthem
39. How to dress for special occasions
40. How to know when hats are appropriate