

Test Your Grammar Skills

Being Polite

We are usually more **polite** to people who we respect or who we don't know well.
We tend to use more **direct** language with our friends and close relatives.

Match the **polite** sentence with the **direct** sentence that has the same meaning:

Polite:

1. Can I have a cake?
2. Would you be able to keep the noise down please?
3. Can you pass me the lemonade please?
4. Would you like to sit down?
5. Can you tell me how long you are going to be please?
6. I wondered if I would possibly be able to borrow the newspaper after you have finished with it.
7. Excuse me. I'm afraid I don't know your name.
8. I'm sorry but I've got to go home now.
9. Would you mind if I came with you and Diane to the cinema?
10. Excuse me. I'm ever so sorry to bother you. I hope you don't mind but would it be possible at all for you to tell me the time please?

Direct:

- a) Sit down.
- b) Get a move on.
- c) Who are you?
- d) What's the time?
- e) Give me a cake.
- f) I'm coming with you.
- g) Give me a drink.
- h) I want the paper now!
- i) Shut up!
- j) I'm off.

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