

Overview

Watch the video podcast. Which of the people have similar views to you on manners and good behaviour?

1 Read the introduction below about what Pasha thinks of people's behaviour. Then watch the video podcast from 0:12-0:32 and complete the text.



Hello. City life ¹ _____ be quite impersonal, so I try to smile ² _____ people and thank them whenever they ³ _____ kindly, but some forms of ⁴ _____ behaviour really do ⁵ _____. Today I'm talking to people about good and bad ⁶ _____. What kind of behaviour in public places gets on your nerves?

Glossary: to get on somebody's nerves = to annoy them; bad manners = impolite, not socially acceptable

2 What kind of behaviour in public places gets on your nerves? Look at the people below and read their opinions 1-6. Then watch the video podcast from 0:33-1:28 and match the people (A-F) to the opinions.



- 1 Smoking within the vicinity, ...
- 2 ... when people listen to their music really loudly on a stereo when you're on the train or in a lift
- 3 When you're on public transport, like on a train, and couples start kissing in front of you.
- 4 ... people with loud voices. People, er, bad manners.
- 5 Probably noise more than anything, actually.
- 6 Well, screaming babies in, like, shops and just generally around ...

F

Glossary: within the vicinity = in the area around a particular place

3 Give a recent example of when you experienced good or bad behaviour. Look at the people below and read the sentences 1-4. Then watch the video podcast from 1:29-2:18 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each sentence.



- 1 He was in a park recently and saw a person using a rubbish bin. _____
- 2 He thinks people using their mobile phones on trains is bad behaviour. _____
- 3 She thinks it's bad manners when customers in shops and restaurants use their mobile phones. _____
- 4 She thinks it's good manners to give up your seat on a bus to an old person. _____

4 Do you think our attitude to behaviour changes as we get older? Look at the people below and read the summarised responses 1-5. Then watch the video podcast from 2:21-3:17 and match the people A-E with the opinions.

A
HannahB
ColinC
ChrisD
AlexandraE
Chloe

- 1 As we get older we find it harder to tolerate bad behaviour but we also learn how to ignore it.
- 2 As you get older, you learn good behaviour from interacting with adults.
- 3 I think when you're young you don't notice bad behaviour so much.
- 4 When you get older you need to learn good manners because you need more people to think well of you.
- 5 I think old people believe good manners are important.

The way we speak

5 The people below talk about whether our attitude to behaviour changes as we get older. Read what they say and complete the sentences. Then watch the video podcast from 2:21-3:17 and check your answers.



Hannah

Yeah, I think it does. I think as you get older you become, probably, a bit more ¹ _____ of certain, sort of, ² _____ behaviour and, as, when you're younger you're probably not as aware of it.



Colin

I think the older people, definitely ³ _____ manners, good behaviour and a good ⁴ _____.



Chris

I ⁵ _____ so. I suppose we learn how to be more ⁶ _____ of it. We can be, probably, more short-tempered of it because we've probably had it all of our lives and we want it to, sort of, come to an end, but I think we learn how to, sort of, either ⁷ _____ from it or ignore it, that sort of thing.



Chloe

Alexandra

Chloe: Yeah, definitely. It becomes more important as you get older. You have to impress more people, therefore, you have to be more ⁸ _____.

Alexandra: Yeah, and you gain a ⁹ _____ as you get older as well. As kids, like, you just say ¹⁰ _____ you want to each other, kids, but you kind of realise what you can and can't say as you get older.

Personalisation**6 Write your responses to the following.**

1 What kind of behaviour in public places gets on your nerves?

2 Give a recent example of when you experienced good or bad manners.

3 Do you think our attitude to behaviour changes as we get older?

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