


3b.  Write about superstitions in Belarus for a foreign visitor.

## Lesson 7. When in England, do as the English do

1. Are rules important in people's lives? What rules do you know? What are your school rules? Which rules do you always follow? Which rules do you break?

2a.  Listen and read the Good-manners guide prepared by schoolchildren of Woodland school in England. Which of them are important to follow? Which of them are less important? Why do you think so?

### In England...

**Do say "Excuse me":** if someone is *blocking* your way and you would like them to move, say "excuse me" and they will move out of your way.

**Do say "Please" and "Thank you":** it is very good manners to say "Please" and "Thank you". It is rude if you don't. You will notice in England that we say "thank you" a lot.

**Do cover your mouth:** when yawning or coughing<sup>1</sup> always cover your mouth with your hand.

**Do shake hands:** when you are first introduced to someone, shake their right hand with your own right hand.

**Do say "Sorry":** if you bump into someone, say "Sorry". They probably will too, even if it was your fault<sup>2</sup>! This is a habit and can be seen as very amusing by an "outsider".

**Do smile:** a smiling face is a welcoming face.

**Do stand in line:** in England we like to form orderly queues (standing in line) and wait for our turn e.g. getting on a bus. "Queue jumping" is not welcome.



<sup>1</sup> **when yawning** [ˈjɔːnɪŋ] or **coughing** [ˈkɒfɪŋ] – зевая или кашляя;

<sup>2</sup> **fault** [fɔːlt] – вина

**Do take your hat off when you go indoors (men only):** it is impolite for men to wear hats indoors especially in churches.

polite – **impolite** = not polite, rude

Nowadays, it is becoming more common to see men wearing hats indoors. However, this is still seen as being impolite, especially to the older generations.

**Do drive on the left-hand side of the road.**

**Do open doors for other people:** men and women both open the door for each other. It depends on (зависит от того, ...) who goes through the door first.



**Do not greet (не приветствуй) people with a kiss:** we only kiss people who are close friends and relatives.

**Avoid (избегайте) talking loudly in public.**

**It is impolite to stare<sup>1</sup> at anyone in public.**

**Do not ask a lady her age:** it is impolite.

**Do not pick your nose in public:** use a handkerchief<sup>2</sup> if you need.

**Avoid backslapping (похлопывание по спине) and hugging (объятия):** this is only done among close friends.

**2b. Which rules are the same as in your country?**

**2c.**  Write a similar guide for visitors to your country.

## Lesson 8. Project “A Tourist guide for foreign visitors to Belarus”

Do the project “A Tourist guide for foreign visitors to Belarus”.

- 1 With the class, choose the topics (holidays and special days, traffic rules, a good manners guide, superstitions).

<sup>1</sup> to stare – пристально смотреть; <sup>2</sup> handkerchief [ˈhæŋkətʃɪf] – носовой платок