

## British Manners and Etiquette

### Post-session Reading and Vocab (lower)

Read the following article from a British newspaper, then discuss the questions below:

#### *Food for thought*

Your grandma almost certainly told you – again and again - that table **manners** are very important. People will **forgive** almost any evil characteristic if you know how to hold a knife correctly and don't reach across your neighbour's plate for the ketchup. But what is considered **polite** in Britain is not in other places.

A clean plate might make your mother happy, for example, but it is considered very **rude** in China, The Philippines and Thailand, as it suggests that the host has not offered you enough food. The Chinese will also happily **burp** loudly after a meal to show the cook that they are **satisfied**.

#### Questions

1. What is the worst thing you can do at a Polish meal?
2. Do you usually talk whilst eating in your house?
3. Do you think people should always eat dinner at the table?
4. Does anyone in your family have bad table manners?

#### Vocabulary

*Find these words in the text. What do you think they mean? Write your guesses in the table.*

manners	
forgive	
polite	
rude	
burp	
satisfied	

*Tips: Look at the spelling of the word and the words next to it. What type of word do you think it is? e.g. noun, verb, adjective? Does it have a good, bad or neutral meaning? Is it connected to something else? Does your guess make sense in the context of the whole text?*

*When you have finished, check your answers in a dictionary. How close were your guesses?*