

Man and society

Visual stimulation

Talk about the people in the pictures who seem to be unhappy.

Mention the reasons for their unhappiness.

Discuss taking care of them in the society

Topic

1. People as social beings
2. Etiquette and ethics
3. Judge behaviour of youngsters and elder people.
4. Express your opinion of meeting and visiting people (time and reasons for meeting, topics for discussions, etc.)
5. Analyze moral rules and laws at various places (home, school, church, street)
6. Discuss charities and sponsoring. Help to people in need.
7. Characterize family in a modern society in the 21st century.

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- **People as Social Beings:** People are social creatures, always looking to connect and talk with each other. This is a big part of why most people fall in a deep depression when they're isolated or even just feel isolated from the social circle. Our need to connect and be social can also be what drives us apart, for example, those who are different from others often get pushed out and isolated for their differences. The need for talking to people with the same opinions we share can also make us behave in a close-minded manner. It is important to understand that every person has a desire to feel included in society.
- **Etiquette and Ethics:** Etiquette is the basis of politeness, without it, we would have no social norms of public behavior. It would be madness, right? Or perhaps the lack of these social norms would be the new social norm, how about that? The point is, we could live without it, albeit a very different life from the one we're living now, we could do it. Now onto ethics, ethics are the thing we can't live without. They symbolize our need to do what's right, our rules, our laws, our morals.... They are the reason for society being as it is, without them there wouldn't just be chaos, there would be no society to speak of. Humans would debase themselves, perform horrible actions against each other for pleasure or gain. It wouldn't be only society that would collapse it would be people themselves. People would become monsters without morals.
- **Judging Behavior of Youngsters and Elder People:** Every generation behaves a bit differently. The younger generation generally behaves more sporadically and liberally while the older generation is usually more organized and conservative. A lot of people attribute worse manners to the younger generation, which isn't entirely true, however an older person has had more of their life to learn proper manners whereas the youngsters could simply be making a mistake of not understanding specific social cues and the like.
- **Opinions on Meeting and Visiting People:** Meeting new people can be quite an exciting thing. As mentioned previously, humans are social creatures, meeting new people is in our nature. Some people are more introverted and don't enjoy the stress of meeting new people much, however, I believe that if two people share an interest they will surely find a way to be friends. Visiting people on the other hand, has different implications. I don't really like visiting people that much. Visiting people in their homes is just boring in my opinion. Go out for drinks or food. Have fun. I'm not saying that visiting people can't be fun, but with most visits being that of family members which I rarely have a common interest with, boring is the only way I can describe it.

- **Analyze Moral Rules and Laws at Various Places:** Different places have different rules. At home, it might be about chores and family respect. School rules keep everyone safe and focused. Church rules often relate to worship and community values. Street rules aim to keep public spaces orderly.
 - *At Home:* Home rules usually focus on respect, chores, and family bonds. They're there to make sure everyone feels comfortable and safe within the family unit and that everyone chips in for their piece of the pie.
 - *At School:* School rules are all about creating a positive learning environment. They cover behavior, dress code, and other things that help students focus on their studies. They are usually about preventing disruptions in class or a preventing hostile environment on school grounds.
 - *At Church:* Church rules often revolve around worship practices, community values, and creating a space for spiritual growth and support.
 - *On the Street:* Street rules are about keeping public spaces safe and functional. Traffic rules, littering laws, and other regulations ensure everyone can share public spaces without issues. They keep the streets in order.

- **Charities and Sponsoring – Help to People in Need:** Helping others in need, whether through charities or sponsorship, is like spreading kindness and compassion. It's our way of making sure everyone has a fair shot at a good life. Charities help tons of people to be fed, housed and other things we take for granted. Without the charities it is possible that people born in less developed countries would have it even more terrible.

- **Characterizing Family in a Modern Society:** Currently the modern family is a nuclear family with one parent working and one staying at home taking care of children. The children usually help out with the easier housework while the parents keep the children housed, clothed, fed and pay for their education. Many couples are choosing not to have children unless they're ready, often resulting in the family starting later than it used to. This can be beneficial, as the parents are more ready for the children financially and mentally, but decreases the overall birthrates. The modern family is currently the best it can be.

Vocabulary

- **society:** individuals, people, system, rules, norms, manners, social etiquette, social behaviour, protocol, models, ethics, etiquette, welfare system, benefits, social security

- **spoločnosť**: jednotlivci, ľudia, systém, pravidlá, normy, spôsoby, spoločenská etiketa, spoločenské správanie, protokol, modely, etika, etiketa, systém sociálneho zabezpečenia, dávky, sociálne zabezpečenie
- **universal social rules**: politeness, respect, tolerance, empathy, expressing thanks, apologising, forgiving, accepting, following rules, addressing people, offering hospitality, praising others, leading conversations politely, responding to invitations
- **univerzálne spoločenské pravidlá**: zdvorilosť, úcta, tolerancia, empatia, vyjadrenie vďaky, ospravedlnenie, odpustenie, akceptovanie, dodržiavanie pravidiel, oslovovanie ľudí, ponúkanie pohostinnosti, chválenie iných, zdvorilé vedenie konverzácie, reagovanie na pozvania
- **social events**: protocol, conventions, hosting guests, dining, clothing
- **spoločenské udalosti**: protokol, konvencie, prijímanie hostí, stolovanie, oblečenie
- **international etiquette**: tolerance, respect, cultural awareness
- **medzinárodná etiketa**: tolerancia, rešpekt, kultúrne povedomie
- **conversational etiquette**: choice of topics, listening to each other, proximity, physical contact, gestures
- **konverzačná etiketa**: výber tém, vzájomné počúvanie, blízkosť, fyzický kontakt, gestá
- **dining etiquette/hosting etiquette**: to arrive on time, to invite for dinner, to bring a gift/present, to make a toast (povedať prípitok), to eat neatly, to sip soup, to pour tea, to tear a piece from a roll
- **etiketa stolovania/etiketa hostiteľa**: prísť včas, pozvať na večeru, priniesť darček/darček, povedať prípitok, úhľadne jesť, popíjať polievku, naliať čaj, odtrhnúť kúsok z rožka
- **clothing/dressing etiquette**: occasions, formal, casual
- **etiketa obliekania/obliekania**: príležitostné, formálne, neformálne
- **loss of manners**: cause and effect
 - the role of society, lack of models, "practise what you preach", influence of the media, generation gap, freedom of personal expression, moral code, carelessness
 - to pick up from role models, to observe role models, to raise ill-mannered children, to break rules
- **strata mravov**: príčina a následok
 - úloha spoločnosti, nedostatok vzorov, "praktizuj to, čo kážeš", vplyv médií, generačný rozdiel, voľný dom osobného prejavu, morálny kódex, nedbalosť
 - preberanie od vzorov, pozorovanie vzorov, výchova nevychovaných detí, porušovanie pravidiel
- **people in need**: the homeless, the retired, the unemployed, the sick, the old, the disabled, the mistreated, the underprivileged, addicts
- **ľudia v núdzi**: bezdomovci, dôchodcovia, nezamestnaní, chorí, starí, postihnutí, týraní, znevýhodnení, závislí
- **places for people in need**: asylum houses, old people's homes, orphanages, hospices
- **miesta pre ľudí v núdzi**: azylové domy, domovy dôchodcov, detské domovy, hospice