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IELTS Part 3 Questions

- **Do you think you are a polite person?**

Well, that's for others to say, it would **sound so self-serving** to call myself polite I assume. But generally, I try to make sure that my behavior wouldn't offend anyone. But if **someone's asking for it**, you know, as the saying goes, **you give as good as you get**. By the way, the places I go to and the people I break bread with are all nice guys. And and, you need to be respectful if you wanna earn respect, **it's a two way street** if you **catch my drift**.

- **Can you give me some other examples of how people show politeness in your country?**

Well, there are instances **galore**. You can find this thing among strangers who haven't even met once, like on the bus or the subway, you find youngsters **giving up their seats to elderly people**. Or the times when two friends meet up on the street, they don't just wave at each other or even pretend not to have seen one another at all, they usually approach each other warmly and **fist bump**, because of covid of course, and fill each other in on new developments in their life and then **shoot the breeze** and everything.

- **How can parents teach their children to be polite?**

I figure they gotta teach it through their actions. They gotta **set a good example**. As you know children have **malleable** personalities. They're like a clean slate and as a parent you decide how to form it. Plus, parents gotta be super careful about their kids' circle of friends. If they're kids are hanging out with **churlish brats**, you know, it's gonna **rub off on them**.

Language Focus

Sound so self-serving

Concern for oneself before others.

Someone's asking for it

To act in a way that warrants the punishment or other repercussion that follows.

Give as good as you get

Respond with equal force when attacked

Break bread with

To share a meal with someone. This expression means more than just eating; it is sharing a sense of brotherhood with someone or some group of people. ... Perhaps you are enemies; breaking bread with someone indicates a sense of forgiveness and moving forward to the affair.

It's a two way street

A situation or relationship involving mutual or reciprocal action or obligation.

Catch my drift

To understand the general meaning of some situation or piece of information

Galore

In abundance

"There were prizes galore for everything."

Giving up their seats to elderly people

Giving your seat/place to someone on transport

Shoot the breeze

Have a casual conversation

Fist bump

A gesture of greeting or affirmation in which two people lightly tap each other's clenched fist.

Set a good example

To behave in a way that other people should copy

Malleable

Able to be hammered or pressed into shape without breaking or cracking

Churlish brats

A child who is regarded as mischievous, unruly, spoiled, or selfish

Rub off on them

To have one's characteristics, mannerisms, or behavior be adopted by someone with whom one has spent a lot of time

A hunk of junk

A clutter of undesirable objects, normally stacked.

Futile

Having no effect or achieving nothing.

“All my attempts to cheer her up proved futile.”

Come in handy

To be useful.

“This money will come in handy when we go on vacation.”

To have a head for sth

To have the mental ability to do something well.

“I've always been good at math—I guess I just have a head for numbers.”

Take to it like a duck to water

To adapt to or learn something very quickly and naturally, as if it were innate.

“Sarah took to her bike like a duck to water. She was born to ride.”

Getting it down

To become skilled or proficient at something.