

How are we Polite?

Worksheet

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All activities below are either inspired or directly derived from **Grundtvig, Andreas, 2021, English is Context. Practical Pragmatics for Clear Communication. Delta Publishing.**

Task 1. Watch the episode and find out.

What is the meaning, in pragmatics, of...

- politeness
- face
- face-threatening act
- face-saving act
- positive face
- negative face

Task 2. Look at the Quiz (Politeness strategies) See separate page.

Task 3. How are the following instances of saving face?

When would you say it? Give a context.

- Humour me!
- That's a brave proposal.
- I am not a racist/ sexist, but ...
- He/ she's had a chequered past ...
- Don't quote me on this but ...
- They may be jumping to conclusions here.
- That is a definite may-be.

Task 4. Adjacency pairs. Complete the table. See separate page.

Task 5. Ostensible speech acts. See separate page.