

Manners Matter

Activity Guide
Ages 9 to 12

Social Lingo

conversation: a discussion among two or more people

courteous: being considerate of others

empathy: truly understanding and relating to how a person is feeling

etiquette: a system of expected behavior or protocol in a society or community

friend: a companion for whom you have affection

germ: a tiny organism that can cause disease

greeting: a gesture or announcement of recognition when you encounter someone

groom: to make yourself neat, clean, and attractive

healthy: free from sickness

host: a male who gives a party

hostess: a female who gives a party

introduction: an exchange of words that allow one person to know or become acquainted with a stranger

manners: a set of social guidelines you follow to get along with others and to keep from offending people

modesty: being humble about one's talents or performance

netiquette: etiquette for the internet

personal space: the amount of space a person needs between himself /herself and others in order to feel comfortable

polite: being considerate of others

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Social Lingo (continued)

protocol: correct procedures for doing things

rude: vulgar, impolite, or purposely disagreeable

sensitive: responsive to the feeling of others

social: being in the company of others; having to do with society

sportsmanship: being a gracious winner or loser; being polite to opponents

sympathy: being respectful and supportive of a person's painful situation, even if you have never experienced it

thoughtful: thinking about others when you speak and act

utensils: tools for dining

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