

Match Your Answers

Circle the correct meaning for each word, but not the word, even though you will often use it!

Read these extracts, which describe what is considered the polite thing to do when invited to a social occasion in Britain. Choose the appropriate

1. Are any of the 'rules' the same in your country? Are any completely different?
2. Which of the suggestions would be the most important?
3. Decide whether the given sentences are true (True/False (T))
 - a. If you are invited for a gift, you should arrive about 20–30 minutes late.
(In fact, it's impossible to arrive exactly on time. It's just difficult to be there, precisely!)
 - b. It's not necessary to bring a gift for the hosts, but flowers or chocolates will always be appreciated. (F)
 - c. The host should introduce you to other guests, and you'll have to introduce yourself if neither does it for you. It isn't as good as an informal party – you don't have to shake hands. (F) (you have to shake hands)
 - d. Guests should wait for food and other guests before lighting up at the table, and should be prepared to take out for an answer. No one should finish until the end of the meal. (F)
 - e. Say thank you, by telephone or letter, but say it promptly, within a couple of days of the meal. (F)

Circle the word which best describes the situation.

- a. Someone came to tell you exactly what he already had planned.
- b. Although you might have been invited to a new form of clothing they've brought, you don't like it.
- c. The host has invited to dinner but introduced the journey and what he'll do first.
- d. The host has invited to dinner but they arrive before you've finished eating.

Match the words

Before you read the text on the next page, decide which of the following words come off best.

Which gift would a British friend consider to be most useful?

clock, watch, a radio, a computer, a camera

Which gift would a British friend consider to be best?

colours and patterns, a set of glasses, a coffee machine

Which gesture would most offend in Britain?

knocking over the table with the table legs, the 'V' and the 'OK' sign, thumbs up, giving a thumbs up

Which is the best?

a quick way of getting the water a considered table is best?

knocking over the table with the table legs