

KONU VALUES AND NORMS – PART B

Talking about Expressing opinions, Asking for opinions, Agreeing/ Disagreeing

We use these phrases for expressing opinions, asking for opinions and agreeing or disagreeing.

Asking for opinions	Expressing opinions	Agreeing / Disagreeing
What do you think of ---? Do you have an idea ---? What is your opinion about ---? How / What about ---?	I think --- I believe --- In my opinion --- I personally feel that --- That probably means ---	May be you're right (but) --- I feel the same way. I think so too. I don't agree (because) --- I'm afraid I disagree --- I'm not so sure about that. I'm sorry but I think ---

Example:

A: I think hospitality is the most important value in our culture. For example, we do our best to serve and host our guests.

B: I agree with you. Also, we can sometimes accept the people in need to our homes.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE

Each culture has different traditions, so they have improved different norms in the course of time. When we travel around the world, we realise and experience this better. As it is said "one man's meat is another's poison"; one culture's offensive etiquette can be quite acceptable in another culture. Here are some examples:

- In the USA, not giving a tip to the person who serves you is considered rude. But in Japan it is just the opposite. If you give a tip to the server, it means an insult to that person because it is his duty to do his best.
- Laughing open mouth is generally thought to be a way of showing happiness. However, in Japan, it is considered impolite.
- Whistling is a way of making music but it is quite rude in Haiti. Making direct eye contact is also a bad behaviour there.
- Being punctual is a sign of a good personality. However, coming on time is not a proper etiquette in Argentina. Because you are probably expected an hour later as your host may be busy with the preparations.
- Opening a gift in front of the person who has given it to you is a good way to show your happiness about it. Whereas, in China and India it isn't a good idea to open the gift as soon as you receive it because they may think you're quite a greedy person.



ÖRNEK SORULAR

Verilen durumda söylenmiş olabilecek sözün geçtiği seçeneği işaretleyiniz.

1.

A friend of yours wants to visit you next week but you don't like him much so to refuse his request politely you make an excuse and say:

- A) Sure, you will be feeling at home.
- B) I think we should gather some other time.
- C) Of course, you can be guest, I'd be very glad.
- D) I am really sorry but I will be attending a symposium next week.
- E) I don't think you will love here, it is quite hot here in the summer.

Cevap: D

Diyalogu tamamlamak için uygun seçeneği işaretleyiniz.

2.

Tina: Where should we take a vacation this year? Let's decide soon.

Simon: I'd like to either go camping or rent a cabin on the lake.

Tina: Great!

- A) That's exactly what I think.
- B) I don't think so.
- C) I disagree with you.
- D) I feel that it's not a good idea.
- E) What strange ideas you have!

Cevap: A

3.

Verilen İngilizce cümlenin Türkçe karşılığının bulunduğu seçeneği işaretleyiniz.

Yale Üniversitesi'nin yaptığı bir araştırmaya göre, kitap okuyan insanlar hiç kitap okumayanlara göre ortalama 2 yıl daha fazla yaşamaktadır.

- A) Some researchers from Yale stated that people who read more than average people live 2 years longer.
- B) According to people from Yale, those who do not read at all live 2 years longer than the ones who read a lot.
- C) People who read books live an average of 2 years longer than those who do not read at all, according to a Yale research.
- D) Compared to the ones who do not read much, people reading too many books live 2 years longer according to Yale.
- E) Researchers from Yale claim that those who read much live 2 years longer than the ones who do not read a lot.

Cevap: C

