**STRANGE EXPRESSIONS**

Where might you be and what might you be doing to hear these expressions? (for example in a pub). Who’s speaking? There is sometimes more than one possibility.

* One lump or two?
* Just looking
* A pint, mate, please
* I’m dying for a cuppa
* Can I have a fag?
* What are you having?
* How’s your day been?
* Single or return?
* Anything on the box tonight?
* Have you got anything smaller?
* Let’s meet at 4ish.
* I’m parched.
* I’m just popping to the loo
* Same again?
* Milk? Sugar?
* It’s my round.
* Hiya
* Seeya
* Cheers
* Have you got your Coop Card?
* Do you want salt and vinegar?
* Can I help you love?
* Sorry, I can’t make it then.
* Could you drop me outside the school?
* Would you like cash back?

**POLITE AND IMPOLITE PHRASES**

Put these phrases (A-J) into order 1-10 the most polite (1) to the least polite (10). Offer a context for each phrase. Who is talking to whom and what is the relationship between them?

A. Would you be so kind as to close the door?

B. Oi! Door!

C. Please shut the door.

D. Shut the door!

E. Shut the bloody door!

F. It’s so droughty in here.

G. Sorry to trouble you but I wonder if you would mind closing the door behind you.

H. Would you close the door, please?

I. I would be so grateful if you closed the door.

J. Were you born in a field?

**INAPPROPRIATE EXPRESSIONS**

What’s inappropriate about these exchanges?

1. *Small child*

*(opening the door):* Hello.

*Adult:* Good afternoon. I wonder if it would be possible to have a word with your care provider?

2. *Shop Assistant:* May I help you?

*Customer:* Go away!

3. *Your boss:* Do you see what I mean?

*You:* Yes, and you’re talking absolute rubbish.

4. *Your boss:* Come in.

*You:* I’ll be coming to work an hour late tomorrow.

5. *Friend:* Would you please excuse me, I’m terribly sorry to inconvenience you, but I’d very much like to make a phone call.

*You:* Sure, go ahead.

6. *Waiter:* May I take your order?

*Customer:* No.

7. *Wife:* Would you mind assisting with the washing up, if it’s not too much trouble?

*Husband:* Certainly, nothing would give me more pleasure.

8. *Waiter:* Was your meal any good?

*Customer:* Yes, it was.

9. *Businessman:* How absolutely delightful to meet you.

*Businessman:* Hiya, mate.

10. *Guest:* The meal wasn’t half as bad as I expected.

*Hostess:* I’m glad you enjoyed it.

**DIFFERENT WORDS**

What’s the difference between:

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| A heart transplant | | A change of heart | |
| A lie | | A white lie | |
| A large man | | A great man | |
| Good Friday | | Easter Monday | |
| A day off | | An off day | |
| A bottle of milk | | A milk bottle | |
| She went to school | | She went to the school | |
| Cheese | | Cheesy | |
| A wedding | | A marriage | |
| a driver | | A chauffeur | |
| Great Britain | | The United Kingdom | |
| The House of Commons | | The House of Lords | |
| The House of Windsor | | The house of the Windsor | |
| A trainer | | Trainers | |
| A memory | | A memoir | |
| A boxing match | | Boxing Day | |
| A racetrack | | A tracksuit | |
| A stranger | | A foreigner | |
| A terrorist | | A freedom fighter | |
| To pass away | | To die | |
| A hairdresser | | A hair stylist | |
| To hear | | To listen | |
| To say | | To tell | |
| An M.P. | | The P.M. | |
| A tea | | A cream tea | |
| A friend | | A colleague | |
| A child | | A kid | |
| A biscuit | | A cookie | |
| A priceless vase | | A worthless vase | |
| Christmas Eve | | Christmas Day | |
| An aunt | | An agony aunt | |
| A refugee | | An asylum seeker | |
| A fiancée | A midwife | | A wife |
| A lawn | A field | | A meadow |
| To diet | To starve | | To fast |
| To look | To see | | To watch |
| A loo | A ladies powder room | | The gents |
| Lunch | Dinner | | Supper |

*Note:*

*An off day = a bad day*

*A milk bottle = just the bottle*

*Cheesy = over romantic*

*Wedding = the ceremony, Marriage = the institution*

*Dinner and supper are the same*

*An asylum seeker = political*

**ROLE GAME**

You are the first person in the bus queue. Talk about the weather with the person behind you.

The person in front of you wants to talk about the weather. You share your umbrella with the person behind you.

The kind person in front is offering to share their umbrella. The person behind you keeps yawning.

You can’t stop yawning as your new baby was awake all night. The person behind you is eating a hot dog.

Your hot dog is lovely! The dog behind you keeps trying to eat it. The person in front is yawning their head off.

You wish your dog would stop trying to eat the person-in-front’s sandwich – how embarrassing! The person behind you looked as if they have been shopping for England!

You’ve just done your week’s shopping. The person in front has a really badly behaved dog. The person behind is talking loudly on their mobile phone.

You’re talking to your boyfriend on your mobile phone, unfortunately he wants to break up with you. The person in front keeps hitting you with their shopping bags.

The person in front has a mobile glued to her ear. You really don’t want to be listening to their conversation especially as it sounds a bit intense! The person behind is also really irritating: he can’t stand still and is continuously looking for the bus – as if that will make it come any sooner.

You’re the last person in the queue. You’re really late for an important appointment and you’re sure the bus is going to be full. Besides, you need to go to the toilet, so you can’t keep still.