



25 Manners Every Kid Should Know By Age 9



1. When asking for something, say "Please."
2. **When receiving something, say "Thank you."**
3. Do not interrupt grown-ups who are speaking with each other unless there is an emergency. They will notice you and respond when they are finished talking.
4. **If you do need to get somebody's attention right away, the phrase "excuse me" is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.**
5. When you have any doubt about doing something, ask permission first. It can save you from many hours of grief later.
6. **The world is not interested in what you dislike. Keep negative opinions to yourself, or between you and your friends, and out of earshot of adults.**
7. Do not comment on another person's physical characteristics unless, of course, it's to compliment them, which is always welcome.
8. **When people ask you how you are, tell them and then ask them how they are.**
9. When you have spent time at your friend's house, remember to thank his or her parents for having you over and for the good time you had.
10. **Knock on closed doors – and wait to see if there's a response – before entering.**
11. When you make a phone call, introduce yourself first and then ask if you can speak with the person you are calling.
12. **Be appreciative and say "thank you" for any gift you receive. In the age of e-mail, a handwritten thank-you note can have a powerful effect.**
13. Never use foul language in front of adults. Grown-ups already know all those words, and they find them boring and unpleasant.
14. **Don't call people mean names.**
15. Do not make fun of anyone for any reason. Teasing shows others you are weak, and ganging up on someone else is cruel.
16. **Even if a play or an assembly is boring, sit through it quietly and pretend that you are interested. The performers and presenters are doing their best.**
17. If you bump into somebody, immediately say "Excuse me."
18. **Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and don't pick your nose in public.**
19. As you walk through a door, look to see if you can hold it open for someone else.
20. **If you come across a parent, a teacher, or a neighbor working on something, ask if you can help. If they say "yes," do so – you may learn something new.**
21. When an adult asks you for a favor, do it without grumbling and with a smile.
22. **When someone helps you, say "thank you." That person will likely want to help you again. This is especially true with teachers!**
23. Use eating utensils properly. If you are unsure how to do so, ask your parents to teach you or watch what adults do.
24. **Keep a napkin on your lap; use it to wipe your mouth when necessary.**
25. Don't reach for things at the table; ask to have them passed.