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- A: **I'm going to** stay with my English e-friend for a week. Is there anything I **should know about** English culture?
- B: Yes, you **should always say** 'please' and 'thank you'. The English are very polite.
- A: What about if I bump into someone by accident, or stand on their foot?
- B: You should say 'sorry' even **if it isn't your** fault.
- A: What **should I call** my friend's parents? Should I use their first names?
- B: No, **you shouldn't use** their first names until they tell you to. Call them Mr and Mrs Smith.
- A: What about during meals? **Should I always** eat everything?
- B: Yes, **you shouldn't take food** and then leave it on your plate, or they'll think you don't like it.

2

- A: I've got a problem. My parents don't want me to go on holiday with my boyfriend and his parents.
- B: You should talk with them about it.
- A: My dad says no and that's that. He's so annoying.
- B: Well, you shouldn't get angry with him because that will make it worse. Why don't they want you to go?
- A: Because they don't like my boyfriend. They say he's rude and arrogant, but he's just a bit shy. He's not very relaxed with them.
- B: Your parents should know that. They were teenagers once.
- A: Yes, a very long time ago! They shouldn't decide what people are like when they don't know them.

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- A: **Did you have a** good time in New York?
- B: Yes, it was fantastic!
- A: **What was the weather like?**
- B: It was really cold and it snowed.
- A: **What were** your friend's parents **like?**
- B: They were friendly and very kind.
- A: What about their house? **What was that like?**
- B: Their apartment is in a quiet area of Brooklyn. It's in an attractive old building and it's really big.
- A: And New York? **What's it like?**
- B: It's amazing. There's so much to do and see. I want to live there!

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- A: I'm going to dinner at Mary's house this evening. Should I take her a present?
- B: You should take her mother some flowers.
- A: OK. Are there any flowers I shouldn't give her? Some flowers are bad luck in my culture.
- B: No, there are no bad luck flowers in the UK. Remember that you should arrive on time. You shouldn't be early or late.
- A: What if the train is late? Should I phone them?
- B: Yes, of course. And you shouldn't talk with your mouth full, or put your elbows on the table.