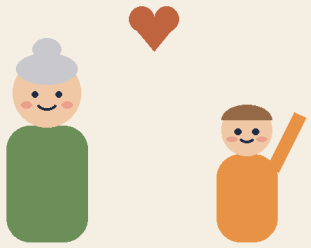
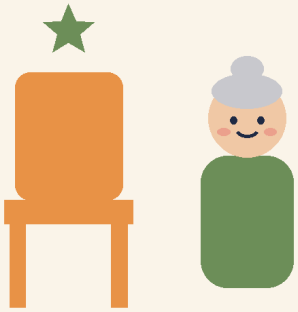
CHILDING

Good Manners for Kids

20 little habits of respect for elders, family and home





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AT THE TABLE · 1

I can give Grandma the best seat.

Why?

Offering the seat of honor shows children that elders come first in our home.

TRY IT TODAY

At dinner, let your child pull out the eldest person's chair.

Di Zi Gui #37

或饮食，或坐走，长者先，幼者后



HOW TO PLAY

How to use these cards

1. Each morning, your child picks one card (or you pick one together).
2. Read the front aloud. Parents, read the "Why?" and "Try it today" on the back.
3. Practice that manner all day. Grown-ups go first, kids copy what they see.
4. At bedtime, add a star to the chart for each manner practiced.
5. Want to go deeper? The Di Zi Gui number links each card to the classic it comes from.

Groups: At the table · Greetings & goodbyes
Respecting things & space · Words & tone



AT THE TABLE · 3

I can eat what is served without fussing.

Why?

Accepting food kindly honors the effort it took to bring it to the table.

TRY IT TODAY

Try one bite of every dish tonight, then say something kind about it.

Di Zi Gui #63

对饮食，勿拣择



AT THE TABLE · 2

I can wait for elders to start eating.

Why?

Waiting a moment before eating teaches patience and gratitude for who cooked and who came before us.

TRY IT TODAY

Have your child say 'Grandpa, please eat' before picking up a spoon.

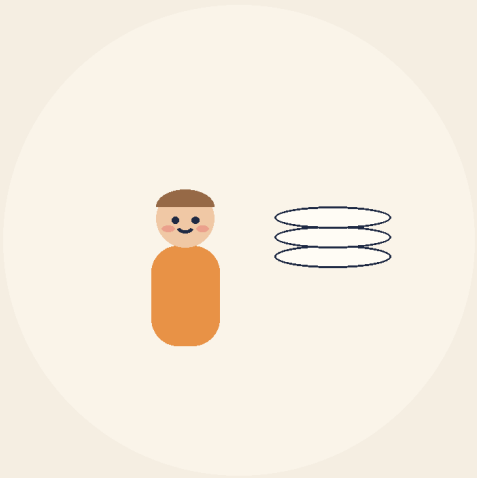
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I can say thank you for my meal.



I can help clear the table.



I can stand up when an elder comes in.



I can greet elders with a warm hello.

AT THE TABLE · 5

I can help clear the table.

Why?

Helping after a meal shows that family care goes both ways.

TRY IT TODAY

Carry your own plate to the kitchen after every meal today.

AT THE TABLE · 4

I can say thank you for my meal.

Why?

Thanking the cook turns an ordinary meal into a moment of gratitude.

TRY IT TODAY

After dinner, thank the cook by name.

GREETINGS & GOODBYES · 7

I can greet elders with a warm hello.

Why?

A quick, warm greeting tells elders they are seen and welcome.

TRY IT TODAY

Greet every adult you meet today by name with a smile.

Di Zi Gui #41

路遇长，疾趋揖

GREETINGS & GOODBYES · 6

I can stand up when an elder comes in.

Why?

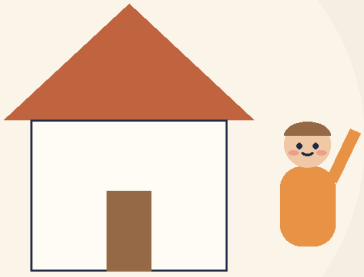
Standing to greet someone older shows they matter more than what we were doing.

TRY IT TODAY

When a grandparent or guest walks in, stand up and say hello.

Di Zi Gui #45

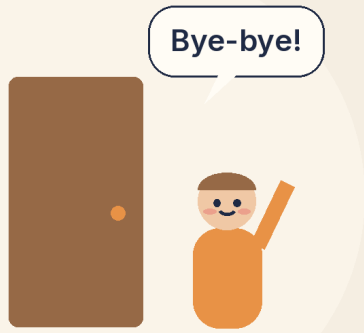
长者立，幼勿坐



I can say where I'm going and say hi when I'm back.



I can thank Grandpa for picking me up.



I can walk guests to the door and say goodbye.



I can ask before I touch other people's things.

GREETINGS & GOODBYES · 9

I can thank Grandpa for picking me up.

Why?

Thanking grandparents for rides and help teaches children not to take care for granted.

TRY IT TODAY

At the next pickup or drop-off, say 'Thank you for driving me.'

GREETINGS & GOODBYES · 8

I can say where I'm going and say hi when I'm back.

Why?

Telling family where you go and when you are home gives them peace of mind.

TRY IT TODAY

Before going out to play, tell a parent where you will be.

Di Zi Gui #11

出必告，反必面

RESPECTING THINGS & SPACE · 11

I can ask before I touch other people's things.

Why?

Asking first teaches respect for others and their belongings.

TRY IT TODAY

Practice saying 'May I use this?' before borrowing anything today.

Di Zi Gui #83

用人物，须明求

GREETINGS & GOODBYES · 10

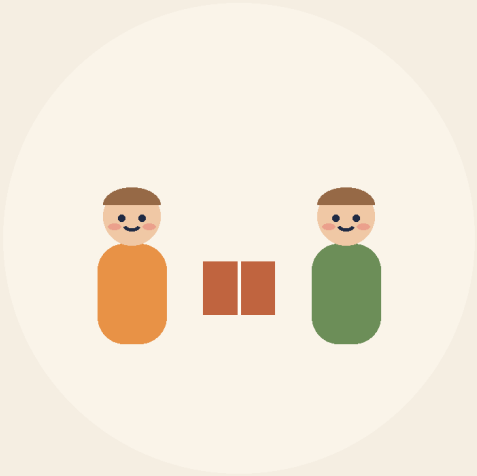
I can walk guests to the door and say goodbye.

Why?

Seeing guests off shows them their visit was valued until the very end.

TRY IT TODAY

When a visitor leaves, walk them to the door and say 'Thank you for coming.'



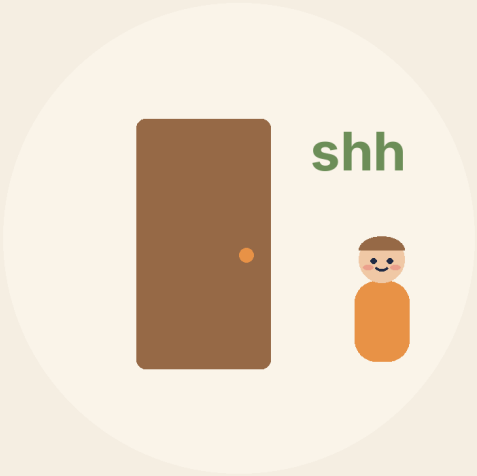
I can give back what I borrow, right away.



I can knock before I go into a room.



I can put my things back in their place.



I can close doors softly.

I can knock before I go into a room.

Why?

Knocking respects other people's privacy and space.

TRY IT TODAY

Knock and wait for 'Come in' before opening any closed door today.

Di Zi Gui #79

将入门，问孰存

I can give back what I borrow, right away.

Why?

Returning things on time builds trust, so people are happy to share again.

TRY IT TODAY

Find one thing you borrowed and give it back with a thank you.

Di Zi Gui #85

借人物，及时还

I can close doors softly.

Why?

Moving gently and quietly is a way to care for everyone nearby.

TRY IT TODAY

Close every door today without a bang.

Di Zi Gui #71

缓揭帘，勿有声

I can put my things back in their place.

Why?

When everything has a home, the house stays calm and nobody has to clean up after us.

TRY IT TODAY

Before bed, put every toy back where it lives.

Di Zi Gui #59

置冠服，有定位



I can answer right away when I'm called.



I can wait when grown-ups are busy.



I can use a kind, gentle voice with elders.



I can call elders Grandma or Auntie, not by name.

I can wait when grown-ups are busy.

Why?

Waiting for the right moment teaches children to notice others' needs, not only their own.

TRY IT TODAY

If an adult is talking, place a hand gently on their arm and wait.

Di Zi Gui #126

人不闲，勿事搅

I can answer right away when I'm called.

Why?

Answering promptly shows parents their voice matters to us.

TRY IT TODAY

When a parent calls your name, answer 'Coming!' right away.

Di Zi Gui #5

父母呼，应勿缓

I can call elders Grandma or Auntie, not by name.

Why?

Respectful titles show elders the honor they have earned.

TRY IT TODAY

Greet each relative today with their family title.

Di Zi Gui #39

称尊长，勿呼名

I can use a kind, gentle voice with elders.

Why?

A calm voice shows respect and helps elders hear us easily.

TRY IT TODAY

Use your 'gentle voice' with grandparents all day.

Di Zi Gui #47

尊长前，声要低



I can say please and thank you.

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Why?

Please and thank you are the simplest ways to show we don't take others for granted.

TRY IT TODAY

Count how many times you say please and thank you today.