

## Upper Intermediate – Respect Rules & Boundaries

A. Katy went to a restaurant with some friends. They got bored waiting for their food, so, to pass the time, they sang some songs pretty loudly.

Katy was chewing some gum and, when the food arrived, she took the gum out of her mouth and put it on the table for later.

They were all really hungry, so they grabbed the food and started eating straight away. They were chewing with their mouths open, and laughing loudly, spraying food all over the table. The family sitting at the next table got so annoyed, they asked to be moved.

**How was the behaviour of Katy and her friends unacceptable?**

B. Olly was travelling to the airport on the underground with a big group of friends. It was rush hour, so it was pretty crowded and they were standing in front of the train doors. Some of the other passengers had trouble getting in and out of the doors.

Olly was listening to music on his headphones while talking to his friends, so he had to talk quite loudly. Luckily for him he was able to get a seat... he beat an elderly man for the last one. The people around Olly and his friends were looking annoyed.

**What did Olly and his friends do to annoy the people around them?**

C. Ryan visited an art gallery on a school trip. He and his friends were bored. Ryan looked around and noticed some other visitors that were wearing funny clothes. He whispered to his friend and pointed to the people and then Ryan and his friend laughed a lot.

They ran along the corridor and went into a room to watch a video about a famous artist. During the video Ryan's phone rang, so he answered it and had a loud conversation.

In the gift shop, Ryan paid for his souvenirs with all the small coins that he had. It took five minutes for the cashier to count the money and everyone else had to wait.

The next day, Ryan's teacher told the class that some of the other visitors to the gallery had complained to the school.

**What did Ryan and his friends do that was unacceptable?**

### Reflection Point

There are situations in which we have to respect social boundaries that aren't always covered by official rules or regulations. Respecting social boundaries helps us to live and work together. The way we behave in these situations has a direct influence on other people, especially our friends.