

## OF POLITENESS

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### ABSTRACT

Politeness though tender in nature possesses immense power to conquer the head and heart of any person even sometimes the opponent as well. It befools the opponent through its innovative mechanism. As such shrewd people use it tactfully; knowledgeable person use it effectively and wise people use this tool intelligently. Sometimes rudeness cannot serve the purpose whereas politeness wins at ease. As such, they say, where rudeness ends politeness begins.

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### INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or

finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

### ARTICLE

Politeness implies behaviour that is respectful and considerate of other people. It means showing regards for others in manners, speech, and behavior. Showing consideration for others, using tact, and observing social norms are the qualities of being polite. Politeness is behaviour that is socially correct and shows understanding of and care for other people's feelings. Someone who is polite has good manners and behaves in a way that is socially

correct and not rude to other people. Politeness is socially correct rather than friendly. Certain words are vulgar and not acceptable in polite society. Politeness is about keeping good relations with the listener or reader. There are two types of politeness viz., showing respect and saying less direct. Being direct is impolite. Polite means cultivated or refined e.g., polite society/circles/company. It means elegant or polished e.g., polite letters/remarks/conversation/interest.

Synonyms of polite are mannerly, affable, decency, correctness, etiquette, refined, cultured, polished. Further polite, well-mannered, well-behaved, courteous, respectful, civil and deferential are synonymous. Polite means behaving or speaking in a way that is correct for the social situation someone is in, and showing that someone is careful to consider other people's needs and feelings. For example: He was too polite to ask how old she was. 'Excuse me, sir,' she said in a polite voice.

Well-mannered means having good manners and knowing the correct way to behave in social situations. For example: She was beautifully dressed and very well-mannered.

Well-behaved implies polite and not causing any trouble and is used about children or animals. For example: The children were very well-behaved. Well-behaved dogs are welcome at the hotel.

Courteous means polite and respectful behaving rather formally e.g., a courteous reply. The hotel staffs were very courteous and helpful.

Respectful is polite and treating someone with respect. For example: He was very respectful towards all my relatives. 'Thank you,' he said with a respectful bow.

Civil is polite in a formal way, especially when someone does not feel very friendly towards someone. For example: She'd never liked her father-in-law, but she forced herself to be civil to him. When you've stopped arguing, you might be able to have a civil conversation.

Deferential is formally polite towards someone, especially because they are in a more important social position. For example: In those days women were expected to be deferential to men.

Antonyms of polite are rude, impolite.

The world is not a bed of roses. Man faces hurdles in every sphere of life from cradle to coffin. Thus the society has become infested with rudeness or impoliteness. As such, at present, politeness has become merely a fossil only.

Since most of the persons are so tensed that they behave like a robot and have forgotten to be polite. Yet politeness is observed. Man uses it. He has to use it. He is bound to use it to for his mere existence. If he behaves rudely with an impolite person then the situation will be grave and simultaneously it will be out of his control thereby his aims and objectives will remain unfulfilled. He will be the victim of frustration. As such politeness exists in the society in its various forms and features having different degrees and dimensions as well.

For example: It was polite of him to hold the door for them. Please be polite to the guests. It isn't polite to interrupt people when they're talking. She received some polite applause despite the mistakes in her performance.

Good manners pave the way for good deeds. Politeness is the practical application of good manners or etiquette so as not to offend others. It is not culture free. As such what is considered polite in one culture may not be polite in another culture. As such before any communication one must mind and consider the concerned culture.

Politeness is a valuable ingredient of human character. It has immense importance in human life. It helps to win the battle in every sphere of life from cradle to coffin. Also, people are more likely to take a polite person seriously and deal with him in a good way.

Politeness is not a virtue. But virtuous people are polite. Thus all virtuous are polite but all polite may not be virtuous. Politeness simply follows rules without requiring any moral judgment. It is an artifice. It may not care ethics. The essence of politeness is form; the essence of virtue is character.

A person should always be polite because it shows that he has good manners and it helps him to earn respect. Being polite is like having good social skills that help to widen social network, and this can positively influence one's private and professional life.

Kind is having a benevolent, courteous, friendly, generous, gentle, or disposition, marked by consideration for and service to

others while polite is well-mannered and civilized.

A person can be very polite without being at all friendly and without being kind. To be polite is to appear respectful but it's possible to be polite without being sincerely respectful. Thus a polite person may not be honest at all. He has to pass the acid test to prove his genuineness. Only an experienced person can recognize the true identity of a so-called polite person.

Kindness is a display of affection or friendly feelings towards another person whereas politeness is a display of being proper, good manners and respect for the position of the concerned person. Thus politeness is formal and friendly is informal. A polite person maintains protocol of the concerned culture whereas friendly attitude has no such bindings.

A polite person respects all and everybody irrespective of state or status of the concerned person. One may be rude to anybody except a polite person. He is such a VIP. Everybody enjoys the company of a polite person. A polite person often not only lifts the mood of the person sitting next to him but also changes the dignity of the whole place around him. He is a pleasing personality. That is his enviable strength. Those who want to please everybody can please no body. It is not true in case of a polite person. Here lies his exception. Here lies his talent.

A polite person is always ready to help others. He addresses someone with the name someone prefers to introduce him. He never uses the nick name or any other name that

irritates or defames someone. He seldom shakes hand or touches or embraces first. The opponent may not like it. It may not be popular in another culture. He neither peeps into privacy of others nor does he allow others to do so. But he likes intimacy. He does not criticize others. He does not run after rumour.

A polite person speaks little, hears more and bears most. He prefers to keep mum. Too much talk is against politeness. A talkative person is not polite at all. He who talks more lies more. As such none loves him. Everybody avoids him. In contrast, a fool speaks when not to speak and keeps mum when to be eloquent thus loses both ways.

Three persons are polite. They are a poor person, an educated person and a shrewd person. A poor but intelligent person is polite. But a poor person having hot temper is not considered as polite. A fool falls in this category. A rich is proud for his wealth. If that rich person is educated then he becomes polite. Thus knowledge enriches thereby crowns a person with politeness. A shrewd person pretends to be polite to serve and satisfy his own interest. For this purpose he may adopt any path right or wrong. He has no ethics. Profit is his single agenda.

Further, there are three types of persons. The first category is always polite irrespective of the situation he faces it matters nothing. He never changes his attitude. He is a true or genuine polite. The second category is hot tempered. He is always hot. To serve his purpose he may be cool once. If he fails then instant he regains his original status and begins to behave rudely. He seldom thinks for future consequences. The third category

is flexible. He changes his colour as per situation and wears jersey accordingly. He is just like liquid and adopts the shape of the container readily. As such he has no locusstandi at all. In fact in the morning he is leftist, in the evening he is rightist and at night he becomes Middle East and takes his share of profit from both. Thus his mood and motive are gloriously so uncertain. In fact he is a finished scoundrel. Even God may commit any mistake, but he is faultless.

Politeness is a personality trait. A poor person is polite for his poverty. For his calmness he gets favour. If a poor person is rude in behavior then he is deprived from any help from others. A rude person considers politeness as weakness. A rich person may or may not be rude. True education confirms politeness. Even an educated person may be rude in behavior. But a true rich or a true educated person is always polite.

Some communities are polite. Some are hot tempered. Two persons of two different communities may not be good partners. So marriage relation of same community lasts long. The paradox is that the issues of opposite community are more meritorious than the issues hailing from same community. As such one has to opt either for good matching or good issue.

A wise person is always vigilant lest the opponent is not hurt. Hurting of sentiment causes much trouble. Hurting others closes the door of discussion and even relation permanently.

An eloquent person is not polite. Eloquence implies violence. As such an eloquent

person is alias and akin to violent person. He tries to win through violence. Sometimes he wins. But it may not happen always. When he fails he becomes furious.

Youth is restless. Old is polite. Human life may be compared with the river. A spring is eloquent when it comes out of the hill. The river becomes too slow when it reaches the sea its inevitable destiny. Thus maturity enriches thereby crowns a person with politeness.

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Polite question insists one to answer freely. Impolite or rude question makes one angry. Here lies the limitation or drawback of impoliteness. In contrast, sky is the limit of politeness.

## **CONCLUSION**

Politeness is not weakness. It is the manifestation of perfection of an elevated soul. Respect is alias and akin to politeness. It confirms richness both in culture and education of the concerned person. Love attracts two souls. Respect binds them. Politeness confirms permanent bondage. Here lies the uniqueness of politeness.

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