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First impressions count

A Imagine that you are going to your boy / girlfriend's parents' house for dinner. This is the first time you are going to meet them, so you want to make a good impression! Your best friend offers you some advice. Complete the advice with *must*, *mustn't*, or *needn't*.

- 1 You _____ wear a formal suit, but you should look clean and tidy.
- 2 You _____ arrive on time, because it's disrespectful to be late.
- 3 You _____ talk too much about your ex-boy / girlfriends.
- 4 You _____ slouch at the dinner table, as it's very rude.
- 5 You _____ be confident, but not arrogant.
- 6 You _____ kiss the parents. It's OK just to say 'hello' or shake hands.
- 7 You _____ take an interest in the parents. Ask them some questions about themselves.
- 8 You _____ take along an expensive gift, but some flowers or chocolates would be a nice idea.
- 9 You _____ kiss your boy / girlfriend, because it might be embarrassing for the parents.
- 10 You _____ swear in front of the parents. Remember you want to impress them!
- 11 You _____ agree with everything the parents say. It's alright to disagree if you do it politely.
- 12 You _____ say something nice about the food, even if you don't like it.

B Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- 1 Which advice from above do you think is the most important?
- 2 Do you disagree with any of the advice given above?
- 3 What other advice would you give to someone in that situation?

C Imagine that you are a new teacher at this school and today is your first day. One of the other teachers gives you some advice. Write the advice using the ideas from the box and *must*, *mustn't*, or *needn't*.

be strict dress smartly eat school dinners hit the students make the lessons interesting
remember all the students' names on the first day set homework stand up all the time in class
try to be the students' friend turn up late for class

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

D Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

- 1 Which advice from above is the most important?
- 2 What other advice would you give to a new teacher starting at your school?