

## 25 Manners Every child should know by the age of 9

How well behaved is your child? According to Dr. David Lowry of [Shine.com](http://Shine.com), here are 25 manners every kid should know by the age of 9.

### **Manner #1**

When asking for something, say "Please."

### **Manner #2**

When receiving something, say "Thank you."

### **Manner #3**

Do not interrupt grown-ups who are speaking with each other unless there is an emergency. They will notice you and respond when they are finished talking.

### **Manner #4**

If you do need to get somebody's attention right away, the phrase "excuse me" is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.

### **Manner #5**

When you have any doubt about doing something, ask permission first. It can save you from many hours of grief later.

### **Manner #6**

The world is not interested in what you dislike. Keep negative opinions to yourself, or between you and your friends, and out of earshot of adults.

### **Manner #7**

Do not comment on other people's physical characteristics unless, of course, it's to compliment them, which is always welcome.

### **Manner #8**

When people ask you how you are, tell them and then ask them how they are.

### **Manner #9**

When you have spent time at your friend's house, remember to thank his or her parents for having you over and for the good time you had.

### **Manner #10**

Knock on closed doors -- and wait to see if there's response -- before entering.

### **Manner #11**

When you make a phone call, introduce yourself first and then ask if you can speak with the person you are calling.

### **Manner #12**

Be appreciative and say "thank you" for any gift you receive. In the age of e-mail, a handwritten thank-you note can have a powerful effect.

### **Manner #13**

Never use foul language in front of adults. Grown-ups already know all those words, and they find them boring and unpleasant.

### **Manner #14**

Don't call people mean names.

**Manner #15**

Do not make fun of anyone for any reason. Teasing shows others you are weak, and ganging up on someone else is cruel.

**Manner #16**

Even if a play or an assembly is boring, sit through it quietly and pretend that you are interested. The performers and presenters are doing their best.

**Manner #17**

If you bump into somebody, immediately say "Excuse me."

**Manner #18**

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and don't pick your nose in public.

**Manner #19**

As you walk through a door, look to see if you can hold it open for someone else.

**Manner #20**

If you come across a parent, a teacher, or a neighbor working on something, ask if you can help. If they say "yes," do so -- you may learn something new.

**Manner #21**

When an adult asks you for a favor, do it without grumbling and with a smile.

**Manner #22**

When someone helps you, say "thank you." That person will likely want to help you again. This is especially true with teachers!

**Manner #23**

Use eating utensils properly. If you are unsure how to do so, ask your parents to teach you or watch what adults do.

**Manner #24**

Keep a napkin on your lap; use it to wipe your mouth when necessary.

**Manner #25**

Don't reach for things at the table; ask to have them passed.