

ACREDITACIÓN INGLÉS B2. MODELO DE TAREA DE COMPRENSIÓN LECTORA

Read the following short messages by readers and answers by Miss Manners about politeness and good manners and decide if the statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F) according to what it is said in the text. Justify if false.

READER 1: I've sent nearly all my Christmas letters out this year by email. A friend said this was impersonal; however, he also said that he and his wife had culled their list considerably because their budget is tight. My list was nearly tripled. Who would you say was more "impersonal," one who "touched" three times more of their friends, or those who touched far fewer of their friends than they did just last year?

Miss Manners: You are being more impersonal. Sorry. Quantity is easy with email - only too easy, Miss Manners believes. Everybody's inbox is cluttered with polemics, jokes, warnings and copies of memos that concern only the primary addressee. The only touching going on here is your finger on Send All and perhaps the recipients' fingers on Delete. In contrast, your friends are presumably culling their lists also in the interest of quality, dropping the exchanges that have, over time, become meaningless.

READER 2: When enough money is put into a wedding envelope to cover your meals, drinks and extra for bride and groom, and your meal is not up to standard or good, how do you handle this? Do you let someone know, and who? Or do you just forget it and say nothing, so you don't hurt anyone's feelings?

Miss Manners: Oh, dear. Miss Manners really shouldn't be surprised at this, although that doesn't lessen the shock. It is, after all, the natural outcome of the false, vulgar and widespread idea that wedding guests are supposed to pay for their meals through the money-laundering system of calling their payments wedding presents. If you were, in fact, contracting to buy a meal from a commercial establishment, you would be right to complain. But instead, you accepted the hospitality of people about whom you presumably care enough to attend their wedding and present them with a token of your affection. If not, you should not have gone. But you did, so accept the consequences.

READER 3: My brother and I (who live in different cities) are exchanging gifts via the Internet. Each of us thought that the retailer we were ordering from would gift-wrap before shipping the selected gift to the other one's address, but it turned out not to be so. Now we are each faced with having to wrap our own presents (we each live alone), then unwrapping them and pretending surprise. Not that we aren't up to the task, but we were wondering what is the proper etiquette for gift wrapping when sending gifts via Internet.

Miss Manners: As you and your brother are old enough to live on your own, Miss Manners would think you would be old enough to dispense with the charade of faking surprise on Christmas Day. If not, she suggests that you leave all pre-Christmas packages unopened in their mailing wrappings until then.

Miss Manners believes that:

- 1) ____ Snail mail is more personal than emailing.

If false, why?

- 2) ____ People receive a lot of junk mail nowadays.

If false, why?

- 3) ____ People easily delete Christmas wishes sent by email.

If false, why?

- 4) ____ People should reduce the amount of letters they send.

If false, why?

- 5) ____ Paying for your own meal at a wedding is acceptable.

If false, why?

- 6) ____ People should only attend weddings of people they care about.

If false, why?

- 7) ____ People should complain if wedding food is bad.

If false, why?

- 8) ____ People who are old enough to live on their own should do it.

If false, why?

- 9) ____ Adults shouldn't pretend to be surprised at Xmas.

If false, why?

- 10) ____ People should open their Xmas presents only on Xmas day.

If false, why?

KEYS Reading Miss Manners

1T ; 2T; 3T; 4F; 5F; 6T; 7F; 8F; 9T; 10F