

# Manners and customs

GREETINGS

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QUEUING

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USING NAMES

OTHERS?



# VERY BRITISH PROBLEMS

MAKING LIFE AWKWARD  
FOR OURSELVES,  
ONE RAINY DAY AT A TIME

Telling an acquaintance you should meet up for drinks soon, to let them know that you'd rather not see them ever again.



'Do you mind?' Usually said to mean: You *should* mind.

'You should pop round sometime.' Meaning: If you knock on my door unannounced I will stay very still until I hear you leave.



'That doesn't sound like much fun.' Meaning: That sounds worse than imminent death.

Saying the word 'lovely' up to twenty times as an indication you're trying to end a phone call.



'If you say so.' Translation: I'm afraid that what you're saying is the height of idiocy.

'I might join you later.'  
Meaning: I'm not leaving the house today unless it's on fire.



'I don't mind.' Meaning 1: I don't mind. Meaning 2: I mind more than anything I've ever minded about ever.