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## Engelsk - underemne 3 - Etiquette and customs

### Etiquette and customs in Denmark

Both tourists, visitors and immigrants agree, it can be difficult to understand etiquette and customs in Denmark. Firstly, Danes are very punctual. If an event is said to begin at 6 o'clock, expect it to begin at 6 o'clock. Secondly, Danes do not like formality in language. No Sir, Madam or Mister to you. Danes use first names only. Danes do not like showing off either. In Denmark, modesty is a virtue. These are just a few examples of Danish customs that might seem a little confusing to others.

### TEXT

Examine the website [www.visitdenmark.com](http://www.visitdenmark.com) (make sure you choose the English version!). How is Denmark presented to the visitors? Look at the images, the texts, headlines, etc.

Is the presentation of Denmark reliable? What would you change in your video? Are there elements in this official tourist presentation of Denmark that you could borrow and use in your video?

**TASK:**

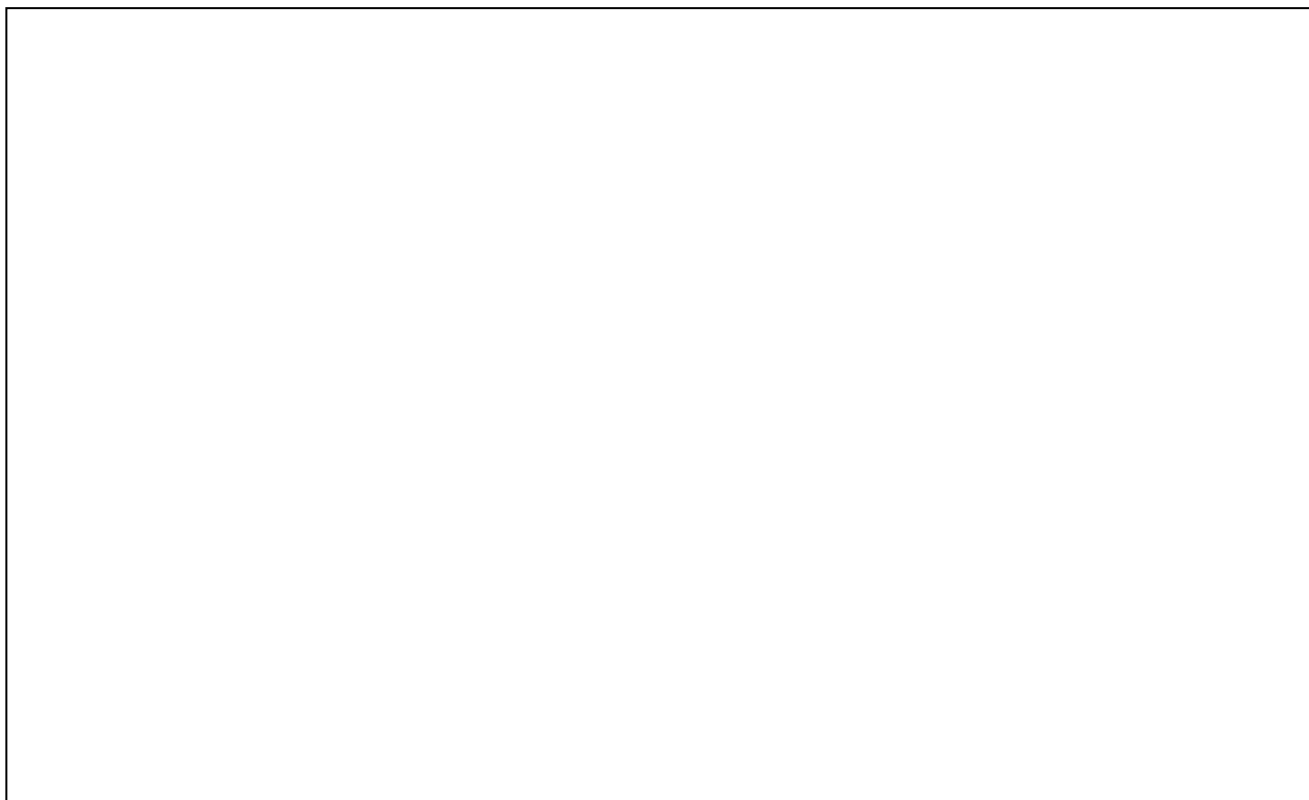
Language: Formal and informal language.

What are the differences between formal and informal language. Find examples of vocabulary, verbal forms, etc. and fill in the form. In class, discuss other forms of showing formality/informality, e.g. through body language

	Informal	Formal
Vocabulary <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• short common words</li><li>• long and complicated words (e.g. kids / children)</li></ul>		
Contractions (e.g. doesn't / does not)		
Forms of address/ greetings (e.g. Hi / dear)		
Phrases (e.g. to kick the bucket / to pass away)		
Spelling etc (e.g. U / you)		
Linking words (e.g. 'cause / nevertheless)		
Punctuation		

**What are the 10 things a newcomer must know before beginning Danish high school.**

Create a top 10 list in which you explain the dos and don'ts of Danish high school for a student from an English speaking country. What does a newcomer need to know about lectio/ludus, do you address your teachers by their last name, do you get ever get detention and so forth. Remember, not all newcomers come from places where alcohol is served at school parties or swearing during class is allowed. The same goes for other matters of etiquette and customs.



**PREPARING YOUR VIDEO**

You have now reflected on etiquette and customs in Denmark. Use your reflections when you make your video introducing students in an English speaking country to the dos and don'ts of everyday life in Denmark. Consider whether you want to focus on everyday life in general or on everyday life at a Danish high school.