

8C – Review Answers

Look for these

Find sentences in the text that have the same meaning as the ones below.

1. We can't wait for him all day.
It's not like we have all day to wait for him.
2. This isn't the first time we've met. *It isn't as if this is the first time we've met.*
3. We've met at this spot before. *We've rendezvoused here before.*
4. I really don't want to have dinner with Corningstone. *I'd rather have a dinner meeting with a family of sick monkeys than with that moron, Corningstone.*
5. Are you feeling good? *I trust you are well?*
6. Would you like to talk over dinner? *Would you care to have our discussion today over dinner, Mr Corningstone?*
7. I can't eat a whole meal now. *I don't know that I can eat a whole meal right now.*

What polite things do Beverly and Maxwell say to Corningstone? *Answers may vary*
I'm glad we could arrange a time to meet.
You're quite welcome, but really it was nothing.
Or there is Le Petit Autruche, if you would rather have French.

You try *Answers will vary.*

Imagine you are Beverly or Maxwell and you are writing an email to Corningstone to arrange another appointment. You want to discuss a business deal. Thank him for the last meeting and suggest two or three places where you could go to meet. Remember to be polite.

*Dear Mr Corningstone,
It was a pleasure to meet with you on Monday to discuss our proposal for your company. As we agreed at the end of that meeting, I am writing to confirm our follow-up dinner meeting for this Friday. There is a lovely Mongolian restaurant near the station which has a large selection of dishes that I think you might enjoy. If this is not to your liking, there is a traditional Japanese restaurant on Flower Road. I know that you enjoy sushi. Please let me know which restaurant you prefer and I will make reservations for 7 p.m. I look forward to hearing from you.
Regards,
Beverly*

How about you? *Answers will vary.*

*When do you have to be polite?
When I am talking to our customers I have to be polite. Also, when I am talking with the parents of my friends who I have not met previously I have to be on my best behaviour and speak politely.*

*What are some important social rules for being polite in your country? E.g. standing up when a teacher enters the room, taking your shoes off in somebody's house, giving gifts, etc.
In my country it is important to answer when someone speaks to you. Also, we usually give friends a gift when they move into a new house. We also write 'Thank you' notes after receiving a birthday or Christmas present.*

*Do you think being polite is important? Why or why not?
I think being polite is important as it makes for positive feelings between people. I don't think that fake politeness is right as people know you are only pretending, but real politeness is necessary to maintain good relations between people.*