6.3 Social Behaviour

1. Match these answers to the questions below. Sometimes there could be more than one answer.

1. May I have another cake?	a) Yes, please.
2. Can I help you?	
3. May I look at your timetable, please?	
4. Would you like to come?	b) Yes, that's right.
5. Are you feeling better now?	
6. Did you say it costs 5 pounds?	
7. May I use your phone?	c) Yes, certainly.
8. Would you like a little more?	
9. Can I get you a coffee?	
10. Can I carry this for you?	d) Yes, thank you.

2. Use the expressions from the box in the situations given below.

Offering to help	**Warning someone**	**Saying thank you**
Can I do anything? Can I give you a hand with it? Let me... Would you like me to...	Mind (your glass)! Watch out! Be careful!	Thanks/Thanks very much/Thank you very much. That was kind of you. I'm very grateful.

An important custom

If you are sitting in a British home and you want to leave the room for any reason, your host will expect you to say where you are going — even if it's obvious:
Would you excuse me, I think I'd better go and do my homework.

Even if you are just going to the toilet, you say something:
Excuse me a moment.
Excuse me, I'm just going upstairs.
Excuse me, I'm just going you-know-where.

1. There's an insect on your host's lettuce.
2. You have just borrowed a pen.
3. Your host has just taken you for a drive in the country.
4. You want to go to your room. You are very tired.
5. You are in the sitting room. You want to go to the toilet.
6. You want to help do the dishes after a lovely meal.
7. Your host is on the point of sitting on a newspaper. There's a plate underneath it!
8. Your host is going to cut the grass. You want to help.

3. Fill in the spaces in the following dialogues at dinner with your host. In some of the spaces, you have to say what you like or don't like.

You: This meat is really lovely.

Host: Oh, thank you. I'm glad you like it. I thought we would have something special for you for your first meal with us.

You: (1) _____ _____. That was very nice of you.

Host: Now, are there any things you don't like?

You: Well, I'm not (2) _____ _____ on (3) _____.

Host: Oh, that's all right. We don't like it either. I was thinking of having fish or chicken tomorrow. Which would you prefer?

You: Well, I think I'd rather have (4) _____, please.

Host: And later in the week I was thinking of making a curry. Do you like hot food?

You: Well, to be honest, curry (5) _____ agree _____ _____.

Host: Oh, that's a pity.

You: Please don't (6) _____ me. You carry on and have curry and I'll just (7) _____ something light.

4. Match remarks from A with correct responses from B.

A	B
1. It's a wonderful morning.	a) Yes, terrible.
2. I think it's clearing up.	b) Yes, beautiful, isn't it?
3. Yesterday was awful, wasn't it?	c) Marvellous!
4. This sun makes a nice change, doesn't it?	d) Yes, it does.
5. Lovely day, isn't it?	e) Yes, it is.
6. What a morning!	f) Well, things had to get better!

5. Match the natural expressions in A with the meanings in B.

A	B
1. It's clearing up.	a) It's hot and humid.
2. It's clouding over.	b) It's very hot.
3. It's drizzling.	c) It's raining very hard.
4. It's pouring.	d) It's getting better.
5. It's chilly.	e) It's getting worse.
6. It's sweltering.	f) It's raining a little.
7. It's rather sticky.	g) It's rather cold.