



British Etiquette Video Transcript

Time 0:48

Remember that a staggering 91% of all verbal exchanges in the United Kingdom concern the weather. Bear in mind, however, the agreement rule:

“It’s a bit nippy out.”

“It’s not too bad.”

“How dare you!”

Oh, we Brits do love a queue. It’s reassuring for us to know that the thing we’ve decided to do is so popular that we’re unable to do it immediately. Nevertheless, if the queue should start to move particularly slowly, it may become necessary to turn to your companion and display your displeasure in the strongest possible terms. I’m sorry you had to see that.

I have no idea why we do that.

“Who’s next?”

Oh no, look what’s happened here! By foolishly embarking on a conversation, the structure of the queue has broken down. This may well lead to the “after you loop.”

You see, these loops can sometimes continue for several hours, and that can call for desperate measures. “No please, I insist.” Unbelievable!

I know we look like an easy-going bunch but, well, sometimes it feels like we’ve got more rules of etiquette than a Japanese tea room. But you should be fine if you recall the one golden rule: make yourself at home.