Приложение

I Match the word with its definition.

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| 1. | behaviour | a | person one does not know; person in a place or company that he does not know |
| 2. | inhabitants | b | state of being known to |
| 3. | queue | c | manner (good or bad); treatment shown towards others |
| 4. | to obey | d | person living in a place |
| 5. | reserved | e | be irritated |
| 6. | stranger | f | order with authority that smth must not be done |
| 7. | be annoyed with | g | line of people waiting for their turn |
| 8. | ban | h | slow to reveal feelings or opinion; uncommunicative |
| 9. | publicity | i | to do what one is told to do |

II Guess whether the following statements about the British are true or false.

1. It’s usual to see the British waiting their turn in the queue.
2. The British are more reserved than people of many other countries.
3. It’s common in Britain to smoke in public places.
4. It’s unusual for women to go to pubs.
5. The rules of social behavior in Britain are easy to learn.

III Read the text and find out if your answers were correct. Give the reasons.

When in Britain…

Visitors to Britain are often surprised by the strange behavior of its inhabitants. The British like forming queues. They queue up when waiting for a bus, theatre tickets, in shops… The British are very sensitive to such behavior and they may get really annoyed with queue-jumpers – people who don’t wait their turn in the queue.

The British, especially the English, are more reserved than people of many other countries. They don’t like to show their emotions. They usually don’t easily get into conversation with strangers. They don’t like personal questions (for example, how much money they earn or about their family life). They take more time to make friends. So don’t be upset if your English friends don’t invite you home. It doesn’t mean that they don’t like you!

If you are invited to the party, it is considered polite to call and say if you can or cannot come. Most parties are informal these days, so you don’t have to worry about what to wear – anything from jeans to suit will do.

If you enjoyed the evening, call your hostess the next day, or write her a short “thank you” letter. They say ’thank you’ even when they give money to a shop assistant.

These days most people in Britain do not wear very formal clothes. Of course, when they are ‘on duty’ they have to obey certain rules. You cannot imagine a bank employee without a suit or a tie. But when he is no longer ‘at work’, he can put on an old sweater and jeans, sometimes with holes in them.

In recent years smoking has received a lot of bad publicity, and fewer people now smoke. There is no more smoking in London Underground, in cinemas and theatres and most buses. Many companies have banned smoking from their offices and canteens. There are, however, special smoker’s carriages on trains and special cinemas for those who haven’t given up smoking yet.

Pubs are an important part of British life. People, especially men, go to the pub to relax, met friends, and sometimes to do business.

At one time, it was unusual for women to go to pubs. These days, however, there are only few pubs where it is surprising for a woman to walk in. Children under the age 14 are still not allowed into some pubs.

Pub food is cheaper than most restaurant food, and you don’t have to leave a tip. There are no waiters in pubs.

Good and bad manners make up the social rules of a country and are not always easy to learn because they are often not written down in books! The British have an expression for following these “unwritten rules”: “When in Rome, do as the Romans do”.

IV Read the text once more and decide where to add the sentences below. Discuss it with your partner. Mark the places in the text where they fit in best.

1. So one of the worst mistakes is to get on a bus without waiting your turn.
2. They would like to know you better before they ask you home.
3. Perhaps it seems funny to you, but British people say ‘Thank you, thank you, thank you’ all the time!
4. And non-smokers can be rude to smokers who break the rule and smoke in public places.
5. But you have to go to the bar to get your food and drink.

V A well-known writer George Mikes, in his book “How to be an Alien” jokes about the things that make the British different from other Europeans. What national traits of character, ways of behaviour does George Mikes mean?

On the Continent there is one topic which should be avoided - the weather;

In England, if you do not repeat the phrase 'Lovely day, isn't it?' at least two hundred times a day, you are considered a bit dull.

In England only uneducated people show off their knowledge, nobody quotes Latin and Greek authors in the course of a conversation, unless he has never read them.

On the Continent people have good food; in England people have good table manners.

An Englishman, even if he is alone, forms an orderly queue of one.

On the Continent stray cats are judged individually on their merit - some are loved, some are only respected; in England they are universally worshipped (treated with respect) as in ancient Egypt.

Many continentals think life is a game; the English think cricket is a game.

People on the Continent either tell you the truth or lie; in England they hardly ever lie, but they would not dream of telling you the truth.

VI Compare how they do in Great Britain and how we do in Russia. Fill in the table

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| How they do in Great Britain | How we do in Russia |
| The British are fond of queuing. | In Russia it’s common to see queue-jumpers. |
| Cricket can be considered a national game in Britain. |  |
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