

**polite**[pəˈlaɪt] *a*

- 1) вежливый, учтивый; любезный; обходительный; благовоспитанный  
the polite thing - благовоспитанность
- 2) изысканный, утончённый  
polite society /company/ - изысканное общество, (высший) свет
2. изящный, утончённый  
polite letters /literature/ - изящная литература/словесность/, беллетристика  
polite learning - классическое образование

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**po·lite** [polite politer politest] *BrE* [pəˈlaɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [pəˈlaɪt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective***(po·litter, po·litest) more polite and most polite** are also common

1. having or showing good manners and respect for the feelings of others

**Syn:** ↑*courteous*

- Please be polite to our guests.
- We were all too polite to object.

**Opp:** ↑*impolite*

2. socially correct but not always sincere

- I don't know how to make **polite conversation**.
- The performance was greeted with polite applause.

3. **only before noun** from a class of society that believes it is better than others

- 'Bum' is not a word we use in polite company.

**Derived Words** ↑*politely* ▪ ↑*politeness***Word Origin:**late Middle English (in the Latin sense): from Latin *politus* 'polished, made smooth', past participle of *polire*.**Thesaurus:****polite** *adj.* (usually approving)

- Please be polite to our guests.

**civil** • |*approving* **courteous** • • **respectful** • • **gracious** • • **gentlemanly** • |*especially written* **deferential** •**Opp:** *rude*, **Opp:** *impolite*polite/civil/courteous/respectful/gracious/deferential **to sb**a polite/civil/courteous/respectful/gentlemanly **manner**polite/courteous **behaviour****Example Bank:**

- She was scrupulously polite to him.
- an overly polite smile
- If you just go and ask in a polite way, you might get what you want.
- In Western culture, it is polite to maintain eye contact during conversation.
- We all stood around making polite conversation.

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**po·lite** **S3** /pəˈlaɪt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective***[Word Family:** *noun:* ↑*politeness* ≠ **IMPOLITENESS**; *adverb:* ↑*politely* ≠ ↑*impolitely*; *adjective:* ↑*polite* ≠ ↑*impolite*]**[Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** past participle of *polire*; ⇨ ↑*polish* ↑]

1. behaving or speaking in a way that is correct for the social situation you are in, and showing that you are careful to consider other people's needs and feelings **OPP** *rude*, **impolite** :

- She's always very polite.
- polite, well-behaved children
- a clear but polite request

**it is polite (of somebody) to do something**

- We left the party as soon as it was polite to do so.
- It's not polite to talk with your mouth full.

2. you make polite conversation, remarks etc because it is considered socially correct to do this, but not necessarily because you believe what you are saying

**polite remarks/conversation/interest etc**

- While they ate, they made polite conversation about the weather.
- Jan expressed polite interest in Edward's stamp collection.
- I know Ian said he liked her singing, but he was only being polite.

3. **in polite society/circles/company** among people who are considered to have a good education and correct social behaviour—often used humorously:

- You can't use words like that in polite company.

**—politely** *adverb:*

- 'Can I help you?' she asked politely.

**—politeness** *noun* [uncountable]

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## THESAURUS

- **polite** behaving or speaking in a way that is correct for the social situation you are in, and showing that you are careful to consider other people's needs and feelings: He was too polite to ask how old she was. | 'Excuse me, sir,' she said in a polite voice.
- **well-mannered** having good manners and knowing the correct way to behave in social situations: She was beautifully dressed and very well-mannered.
- **well-behaved** polite and not causing any trouble – used about children or animals: The children were very well-behaved. | Well-behaved dogs are welcome at the hotel.
- **courteous** /'kɜːtiəs/ - polite and respectful, and behaving rather formally: The hotel staff were very courteous and helpful. | a courteous reply
- **respectful** polite and treating someone with respect: He was very respectful towards all my relatives. | 'Thank you,' he said with a respectful bow.
- **civil** polite in a formal way, especially when you do not feel very friendly towards someone: She'd never liked her father-in-law, but she forced herself to be civil to him. | When you've stopped arguing, you might be able to have a civil conversation.
- **deferential** *formal* polite towards someone, especially because they are in a more important social position: In those days women were expected to be deferential to men.

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