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## **Level 1**

### **No putting on make-up on trains, says rail company**

**30th October, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161030-train-etiquette-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161030-train-etiquette-1.html>

A video from a railway company in Japan has angered women. The Tokyu rail company wants women to stop putting on make-up on trains. The video says: "Women in the city are all beautiful. But they are ugly to see, at times....Please refrain from putting on make-up on the train." The video is one of an eight-part series to educate passengers on rules and good manners. Tokyu has received a lot of positive feedback and will continue to show the video.

Many women said the video is sexist. One woman said she would understand if make-up was dirty or smelly, but that a train company has "no right to tell me whether I look beautiful or ugly". Another woman said Tokyu should instead target people with body odor or people who smell of alcohol. A passenger survey said women putting on make-up was eighth on a list of train nuisances. Also on the list was people talking loudly on smartphones.

Sources: <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/10/27/national/tokyu-corp-gets-backlash-no-makeup-video/#.WBMG44WFic0>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-37796036>  
<http://www.atimes.com/article/tokyo-subway-line-operator-gets-mascara-smudged/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161030-train-etiquette-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. a railway                            | a. part series        |
| 2. putting on make-up                   | b. manners            |
| 3. Please refrain from                  | c. the video          |
| 4. The video is one of an eight-        | d. feedback           |
| 5. educate                              | e. putting on make-up |
| 6. rules and good                       | f. company in Japan   |
| 7. Tokyu has received a lot of positive | g. on trains          |
| 8. continue to show                     | h. passengers         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Many women said the video is    | a. survey                |
| 2. she would understand if make-up | b. or ugly               |
| 3. a train company has no          | c. nuisances             |
| 4. whether I look beautiful        | d. sexist                |
| 5. body                            | e. right to tell me      |
| 6. a passenger                     | f. loudly on smartphones |
| 7. eighth on a list of train       | g. odor / odour          |
| 8. people talking                  | h. was dirty             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161030-train-etiquette-1.html>

A video from (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan has angered women. The Tokyu rail company wants women (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on make-up on trains. The video says: "Women in the city are all beautiful. But (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to see, at times....Please refrain from putting on make-up on the train." The video (4) \_\_\_\_\_ -part series to educate passengers on rules and (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Tokyu has received a lot of positive feedback and will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the video.

Many women said the (7) \_\_\_\_\_. One woman said she would understand if make-up (8) \_\_\_\_\_, but that a train company has "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ me whether I look beautiful or ugly". Another woman said Tokyu (10) \_\_\_\_\_ people with body odor or people who (11) \_\_\_\_\_. A passenger survey said women putting on make-up was eighth on a list of train nuisances. Also on the list was people (12) \_\_\_\_\_ smartphones.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MAKE-UP SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161030-train-etiquette-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about make-up in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161030-train-etiquette-1.html>

Write about **make-up** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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